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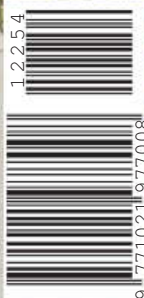
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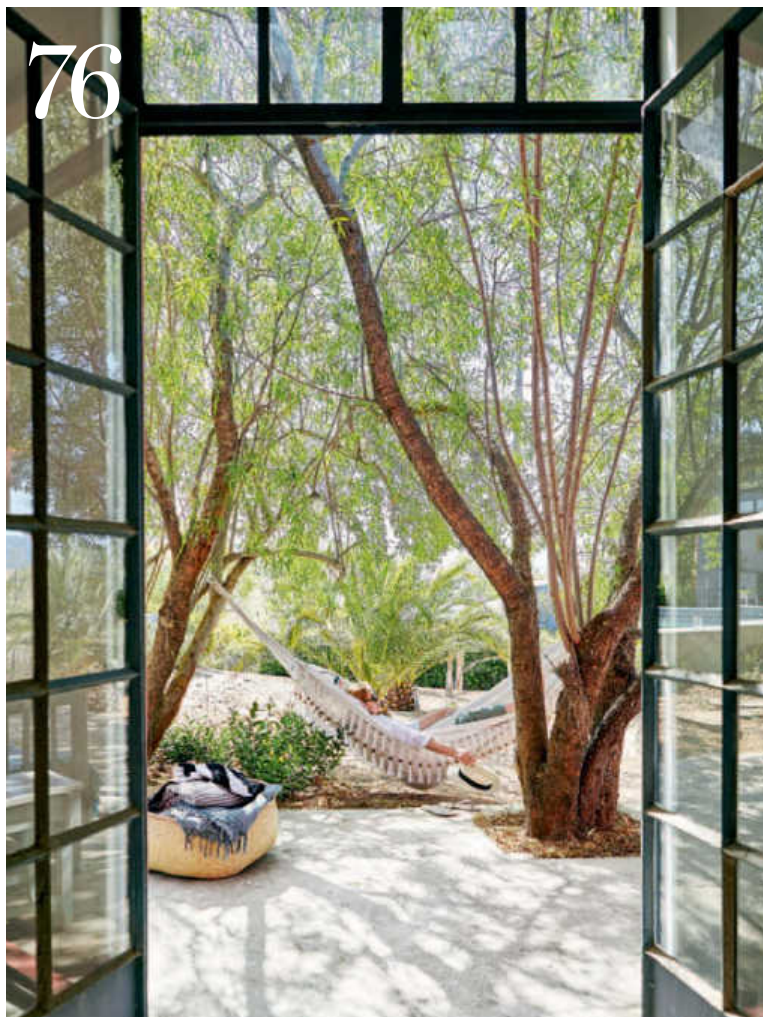
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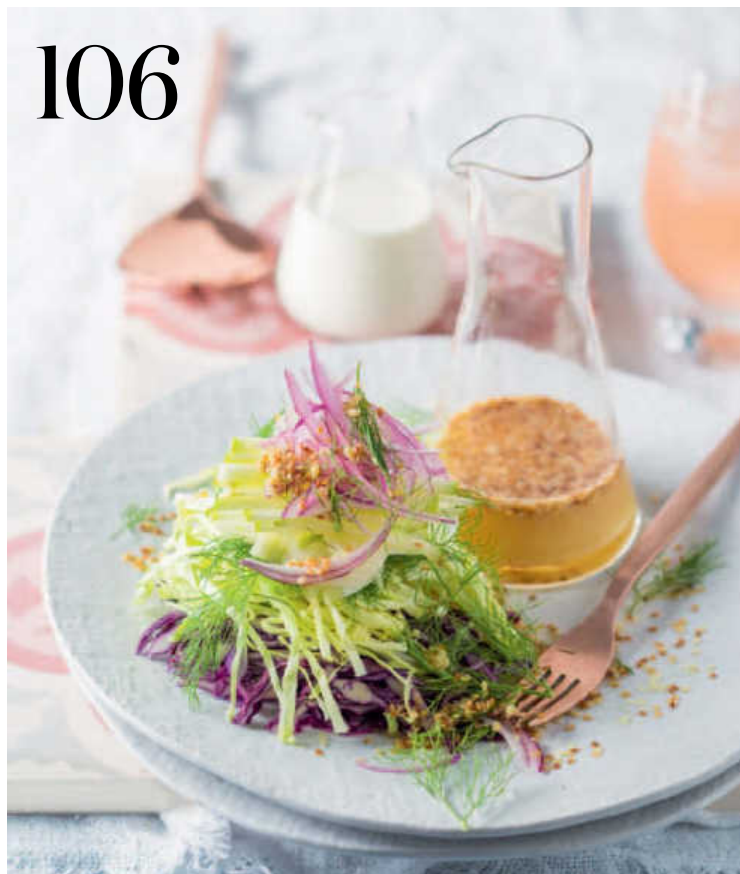
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The December issue is all about summer breaks, entertaining and celebrating. Our down-to-earth selection of homes, from the seaside House of the Month on page 60 and a heritage farmhouse breakaway (page 84) to a relaxed country home (page 70) and a rustic West Coast escape (page 76), already has us in a holiday mood.

For extra festive cheer we've also put together a shopping list (below) of gift ideas suggested by the team – or turn to page 43 for our ultimate Gift Guide featuring suggestions from local style shapers and celebrities. Happy ho.

Katherine Botes, Acting Editor

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On trend trainers are a hot gift pick for **Creative Director and Acting Editor Katherine Botes.**



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Jill Harris, Promotions Designer, recommends a locally designed furniture piece.



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Business Development Manager Greer Krige singles out a shiny ring.

Lauren Gormley, Senior Designer, chooses a statement swimming costume.

Deputy Editor Jessica Ross considers a signature scent for summer a must-have.



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This new all-in-one bench and hat stand is on the wish list of **Assistant Editor Mila Crewes-Brown.**

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Prettily packaged tea is the perfect stocking stuffer for **Decor Producer Mia Vincent.**



Picture Editor Gemma Bedforth proposes that we head outside.

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Decor Editor Leana Schoeman opts for this stylish portable speaker.



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Anything from Aesop, says **Decor Stylist Heather Boting.**

Zelda Hamilton, Managing Editor, suggests a one of a kind piece.



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Mungo! Mungo! Mungo!, says **Senior Online Content Producer Bryony Whitehead.**



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Where in your city makes you feel as if you're on holiday?

The beach at Clifton, with the sun sinking low and the crowds disappearing. **Where will you be holidaying this December?**

In Nature's Valley with friends followed by a staycation at home.

What do you love most about the end of the year? The sheer luxury of downtime spent as much as possible in nature. **What's your foolproof entertaining tip for the holidays?** Make sure you have enough ice in the freezer. **What's your signature holiday-entertaining dish?** Peri-peri chicken (made by my husband). **What appliance can't you live without on holiday?** A Bialetti stove-top coffee pot.

SÉBASTIEN ROHNER

is a Swiss photographer based in Cape Town who has worked with some of the top magazines in South Africa. He shot The New Classics in our wine guide (page 127).

Where will you be holidaying in December? Switzerland.

What do you like most about the end of the year? Seeing family and friends. **Where in your city makes you feel as if you're on holiday?** Sunset Beach.

What item could you not live without? My camera.

What's your favourite South African wine? Anything from Swartland Winery. **What are your beach essentials?** My windsurfing gear.



PELLIE GROBLER,

the chef at The Black Bamboo in Pretoria, created three festive dishes for *HL* using quail (page 102).

Where will you be holidaying in December? December is our busiest time so I'm working but I'm planning a trip to Mexico early next year. **What do you like most about the end of the year?** Everyone is so festive it's infectious – Pretoria is a breeze

of friendliness during the holiday season. **What are your summer road-trip essentials?** A good mix tape, epic company and a sunroof. **Where in your city makes you feel as if you're on holiday?** Any street where the jacarandas are in bloom. **What appliance could you not live without?** Nespresso coffee machine. **What are your beach essentials?** Beach bats, snorkel gear and a gin and tonic. **Which book have you been saving for a lazy day?** Malcom Gladwell's latest, *David and Goliath*.

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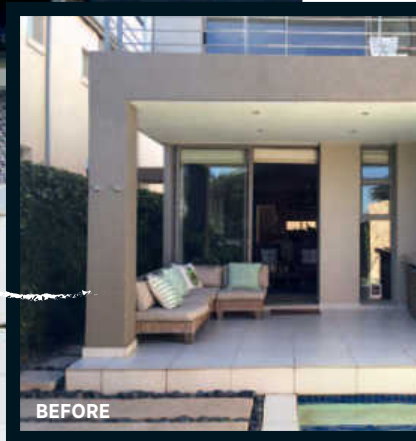
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LEFT TO RIGHT, FROM TOP TO BOTTOM **Toucan** fabric in Bouquet from the Outsiders collection R650/m, Hertex; **Candy Stripe** fabric in Blue from the Candy range R289/m, Constantia Fabrics; **Outlet** fabric in 095-Topaz from the Inside Out collection by UV Pro R1 590/m, Home Fabrics; **Grove** fabric in Sand from the Outsiders collection R650/m, Hertex Fabrics; **Basket** fabric in Eden (K5129/08) from the Terrazzo Prints collection by Kirkby Design R975/m, Romo South Africa; **Link Reversed** fabric in Yellow from the Geometrics Collection R555/m (add R103/m for outdoor treatment), Lula Fabrics; **Edensvale** fabric in Bloom from the Outsiders collection R650/m, Hertex; **Herringbone** fabric in Pink from the Geometrics Collection R555/m (add R103/m for outdoor treatment), Lula Fabrics; **Cayman** fabric in Turquoise from the Caribbean Outdoor collection R477/m, St Leger & Viney; **Bahamas** fabric in Colour 02 from the Caribbean Couture collection R450/m, U&G Fabrics; **Istanbul** fabric in Tumeric from the Night and Day collection with anti-stain, anti-bacterial and anti-mildew treatment R445/m, Tessa Sonik Fabrics.



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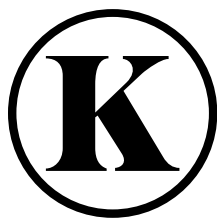
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a jetsons world

Thanks to some of the world's brightest engineers, the smart home is here

TEXT JESSICA ROSS PHOTOGRAPHS COURTESY OF LG

'But....,' I say hesitantly, 'but *why* would you need to send a text to your fridge?' We are standing in the middle of an LG Bestshop in Seoul, Korea – a space not unlike a local DionWired – stocked with every LG product under the sun.

What we are looking at, we are told, is the future – only at first glance it looks a bit like the present. The appliances before us don't have the out-there design first promised to us by *The Jetsons* some 50 years ago: there are no dusting Rosies, no instant food replicators and no mechanical toothbrush arms that take the work out of lifting the brush. Dressed in stainless steel, they certainly are modern devices and they have enough touch technology and integration to convince you they're thoroughly up to date but 'appliances of the future' seems a bit of a stretch. That's when LG mentions HomeChat: a natural language processing service that connects the user with an international messaging app called Line so homeowners can connect remotely and share content with their fridge, washing machine, robotic vacuum cleaners and ovens.

Sending a message to your appliances may seem a little odd (do I introduce myself?) but getting started is easy: 'I'm going on vacation.' A few seconds later a reply buzzes through. It's from your washing machine. 'Have a nice time!' There's a message from your oven: 'I am going to miss you.' Beep, beep. It's from the fridge: 'Switch to vacation mode?'

Sure, you could press the vacation mode button yourself, but is it as much fun? LG's research and design division doesn't forget about functionality, however. The system has plenty of perks. If you're running late you can delay your washing cycle with a quick message to your polite, sometimes cheeky washing machine. You can set up a tray with the fowl and potatoes and, three hours before you're due home, tell your oven: 'Start to roast the chicken.' *Why* would you need to message your fridge? To get the integrated camera to check if you have any wine left, of course.

HomeChat hasn't landed on local shores yet but LG's technology is an indication of the way we will live. lghomechat.com; lg.com/za

THREE HOURS BEFORE YOU'RE DUE HOME, TELL YOUR OVEN: 'START TO ROAST THE CHICKEN.'



FROM TOP The next generation LG fridge is equipped with HomeChat; kitchen appliances – with a smart difference; using a phone to send a message to an LG washing machine; these appliances respond to apps.



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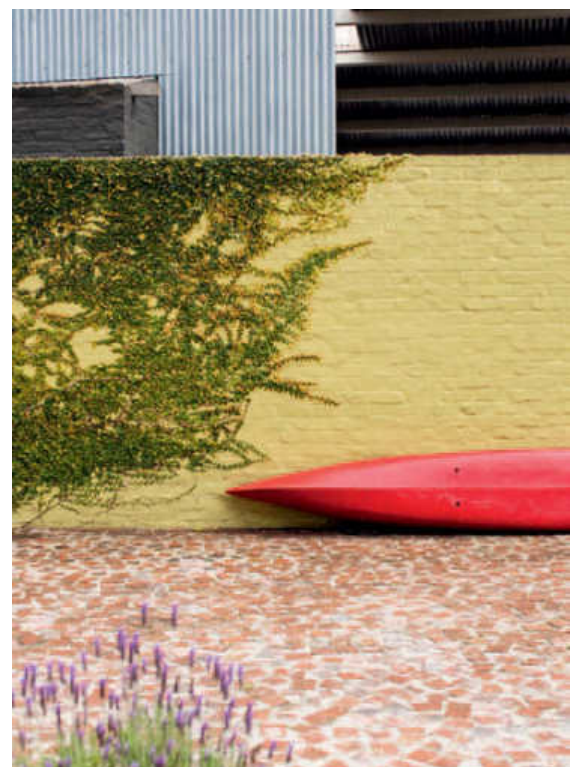
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marcus smit

An architect has made himself a 'user-friendly' home that is abundant in space and sunlight

TEXT **AMY-LEIGH PATERSON** PHOTOGRAPHS **ADRIAAN OOSTHUIZEN, JAC DE VILLIERS**



Some homes occupy a place. Others, such as Marcus Smit's, are occupied with a place. As an architect who has his own firm it was inevitable that he would know exactly how to capitalise on the beautiful Grabouw surroundings.

The plot was crowded with wattle and pine trees when he found it 10 years ago. Thanks to some imaginative planning the house that now exists on it is light and airy with a 25 metre skylight and extensive windows facing the expansive indigenous garden set against the Hottentots Holland Mountains.

The slanted corrugated iron roof and industrial beams create an informal, barnlike aesthetic. 'The regular discipline of the steel structure combined with the flexibility and plasticity of the masonry allowed for interesting spaces,' he says, mentioning a wall section made of iron that slides away to open up the house even more.

Furniture is minimal and mostly built-in, keeping the open-plan home uncluttered for his standard schnauzers Flicka and Luka. The unusual accent colours are the result of a lifelong penchant for baby blue and the happy accident of finding scatter cushions in the exact yellow as his Woods Ware Jasmine crockery and Mud Studio ceramic bowl.

Marcus' casual decor is as pragmatic as the vision he had for a home that is, he says, 'user-friendly and warm with an honest use of materials. These work together to hopefully make the building timeless – at least while I live here'. marcussmit.co.za



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE Marcus Smit; buttercup yellow accents liven up the interior and exterior spaces; most pieces in Marcus' art collection are by friends such as Rudolph Vosser and Francois Swanepoel (left).





The patio and outdoor kitchen counter are two of Marcus' favourite features as is 'Sit en Staen', a sculpture by Angus Taylor, which is visible from almost everywhere in the house. BELOW LEFT The shower areas open up onto private outdoor spaces. BELOW RIGHT Marcus loves the form and fragility of the traditional Zulu pots on the kitchen table.

The slanted corrugated iron roof and industrial beams create an informal, barnlike aesthetic.



EAU SO TIMELESS

The anticipated release of Aesop's second fragrance 10 years after its first did not disappoint. Taking her inspiration from the Mediterranean coast, perfumer Celine Barel worked with crisp, classic notes to create Tacit (R1 450 for 50ml). The unisex fragrance is warm and spicy with waxy notes of citrus and basil, and a touch of trendy yuzu, all contained in the kind of packing Aesop is known for: classy, sophisticated and subtly elegant. Get yours at Loading Bay. loadingbay.co.za



SUPERIOR INTERIORS

Esteemed interiors guy Adam Court has joined Chris Weylandt and his team to head up Weylandts Spaces. The brand's head office, which was recently relocated to an edgy office space in Northgate Park, Paarden Eiland, is a showcase of the kind of natural-chic design that's made it the store of choice for discerning homeowners. It's here that Adam and his squad of interior designers will dream up bespoke designs for commercial and residential projects, injecting their particular brand of style nous into the spaces. weylandts.co.za

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COMPILED BY MILA CREWE-BROWN, AMY-LEIGH PATERSON, JESSICA ROSS

People are falling head over heels for Tread + Miller, Cape Union Mart's new string of urban footwear stores. It stocks international brands, such as Crockett & Jones, Caterpillar, Sperry and Superga, plus the group's own Arthur Jack label and a select women's range.
treadandmiller.co.za



preview
Alex Hamilton's
solo exhibition
online at
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NOD TO NATURE

Ray-Ban's ever popular Clubmaster style has now been released in a wooden-frame version. The brand's use of this year's favourite finish has resulted in a combo that's retro in form but contemporary in style. Choose between cherry, maple and walnut with the added option of polarised and optical lenses. From R3 315.

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**POSH PETS**

If you're as style savvy as your pets you'll love Benji + Moon, a new brand of handcrafted designer pet products from Joburg creative duo Karen Carr and Hanneke Schutte. It launched at the Handmade Contemporary Fair with a beautiful collection of beds, bags, bowls and accessories made from natural materials and it has already collaborated with the likes of designer Ronel Jordaan. benjiandmoon.co.za

BELLISSIMO! ISABELINA HAS OPENED A NEW STORE IN CAVENDISH SQUARE THAT STOCKS DECOR WARES, STUNNING AUSTRIAN CRYSTAL CHANDELIERS AND A SPRING/SUMMER 2015 LINE OF HANDBAGS.

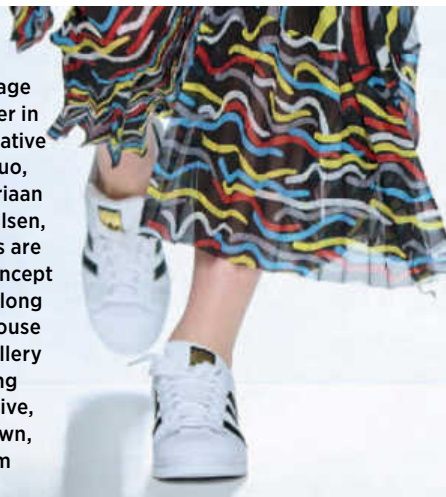
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**BRIGHT ON TIME**

This La Mini D de Dior Colour watch features a mother-of-pearl dial and a bezel set with 71 diamonds but it's the cocktail-coloured patent calfskin strap (in pink, orange, yellow, blue or green) that makes it truly eye-popping. R56 250 at Picot & Moss. picotandmoss.co.za

**COLOUR WAYS**

Art, design and vintage pattern come together in harmony when the creative industry's coolest duo, Keith Henning (of Adriaan Kuipers) and Jody Paulsen, meet. The hip threads are available from their concept store in Cape Town, along with perfume from House of Gozdawa and jewellery from Pichulik among others. AKJP Collective, 73 Kloof St, Cape Town, adriaankuipers.com





into the outback

The Subaru Outback is designed to deal with the worst of Australia's harsh environment – yet we ignore it

TEXT **CIRO DE SIENA** PHOTOGRAPHS **QUICKPIC.CO.ZA**, SUPPLIED

It's always puzzled me that we don't like the same cars as Australians. In Australia you can buy a low-riding bakkie with a massive V8. Chevrolet tried to sell the exact same car here as the Lumina Ute and gave up. It's the same with the Subaru Outback; in Australia Subaru can't build them fast enough whereas in South Africa they barely move off the showroom floor. I cannot understand why.

The Outback is designed to drive across the limit-free Australian Outback at blue-light-convoy speeds – in great comfort, and without ever breaking down. It's the kind of car then that you could certainly depend on to pop down to the shops or fetch the kids from hockey practice. The boot is enormous and, with the second row of seats folded down, the Outback will easily swallow three mountain bikes.

The ride comfort is truly impressive. It manages to float (just about) at highway speeds and on gravel roads it feels as if you don't even need to slow down. You should, though, as ABS goes only so far in the wrong conditions.

The combination of the CVT (continuously variable transmission) gearbox (a type of transmission that actually has no gears at all and keeps the revs constant to achieve the best fuel consumption possible) and the world's only boxer diesel engine is impressive. Subaru

really is a world leader in CVT boxes and if I hadn't mentioned that it wasn't a normal automatic you might never have noticed.

With semigentle driving I'm confident that fuel figures under eight litres per 100km can be achieved, which is commendable for a car this size. The infotainment system, meanwhile, is finally up to date, with a properly useful touch screen, and there are full controls on the steering wheel.

The latest Outback is the best iteration of the model to date. In the bronze-gold colour of my test car you might even describe it as handsome. This is wonderful because the previous generation looked like a gargoyle.

At R529 000 for the 2.0D Premium, the Subaru Outback makes a compelling alternative to a traditional luxury sedan or a taller SUV. It's a car that seems extremely well suited to South African conditions. It's a slice of Australian culture I think we really should import – but they can keep the barbie. subaru.co.za

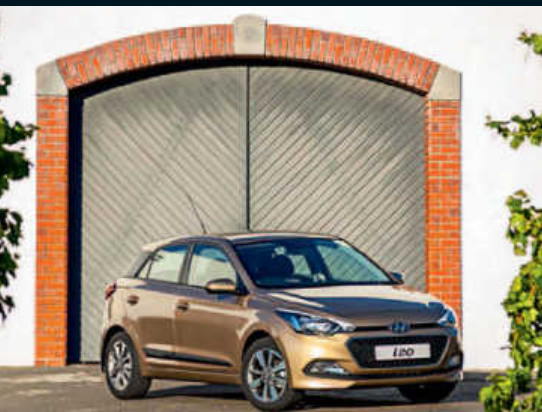
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Model: Subaru Outback 2.0 Diesel
Lineartronic CVT

Engine: Turbo boxer four-cylinder 2.0 diesel
Combined fuel consumption: 6.3 litres/100km
CO₂: 165g/km
Luggage compartment: 512 litres/1 801 litres
Price: R529 000

SNAPSHOT: HYUNDAI I20 1.4 FLUID AUTO

The latest model looks better than ever and looks like a snazzy little runaround. However the autobox is a letdown. With only four gears it battles to find the one for any given situation, which leads to a frustrating driving experience. Rather save R10 000 and get the manual version.



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The chief architect of Joburg branding agency DNA Brand Architects lives by his motto, 'Being brilliant is really not for the lucky few!'

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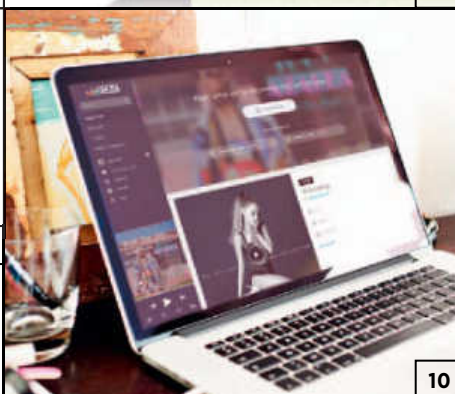
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01. Mimosa & Cardamom Scented Candle R800, Jo Malone 02. High Top Sneaker in Fish Embossed Suede \$255, Axel Arigato 03. Mila Marble Platter in Mist R699, Country Road at Woolworths 04. Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label Tsé & Tsé Associées gift box from R450, Makro and Norman Goodfellows 05. Hand Stand phone stand by Fred & Friends R70, Yuppie Gadgets 06. Nespresso Pixie coffee machine from R2 150, Nespresso 07. Busy Buddy Waggle treat-dispensing toy in Medium by PetSafe/Premier R125, Shinga Vet 08. Madonna 2016 Square 12x12 Live Nation Calendar by BrownTrout Publishers £10, Amazon.co.uk 09. Jamie Oliver 5 Piece Knife And Wooden Block Set R1 999, @home 10. Deezer Gift Card R720 (12 month subscription), Deezer 11. Small Leather Backpack in Black with Charcoal Logo Print/Smooth by Dr. Martens R3 900, Dr. Martens and selected Edgars stores.

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MARC SHOTLAND

As Home Fabrics' group public relations and marketing executive, you can bet Marc has the fine art of gift getting totally sewn up in Joburg.

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01. Leather and stainless steel Delicious Light by Xavier Clarisse from R15 300, Clarisse Design **02.** Ghost Shell dome from the Machine collection by Diesel Living with Seletti R3 648 (small) and R4 035 (large), Generation **03.** 'Mmmmmmm...' Swarovski Elements pin artwork on Fabriano and foamcore (42x59cm) by Stephen Graham R29 750, In Toto Gallery **04.** Garden Glory Classic hosepipe R2 350 and Classic nozzle R1 025, both in Yellow Fellow, Wrapt Objet **05.** Santaria beach towel by Christian Lacroix for Designers Guild R1 994, Home Fabrics **06.** Christian Dior Sauvage for men R870 (60ml) and R1 215 (100ml), selected Edgars stores **07.** Monkey Bowl R690, Belong Interiors **08.** Persol polarised sunglasses (PO0649) in Fuoco e Ardesia (1023/M3) from the Vintage Celebration collection R2 790, Luxottica **09.** Polaroid Socialmatic instant camera in white R5 299, Superbalist. >



PAUL MODJADJI

As a choreographer, dancer and writer in Joburg, Paul is an irrepressible explosion of thought and form. He's also exactly the sort of person you want to receive a gift from – as you can see.

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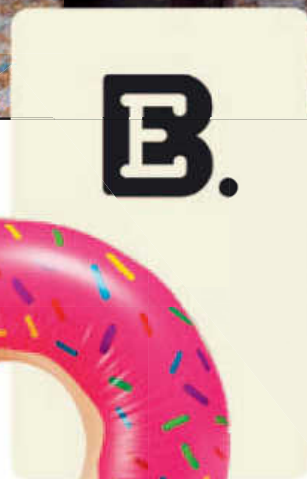
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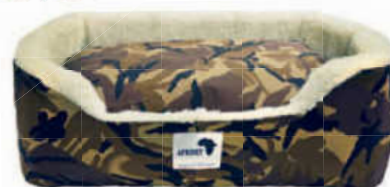
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01. Paco Rabanne Lady Million gift set containing 50ml EDP and 100ml body lotion R925, selected Edgars outlets **02.** Snug Powerbank (13 000mAh) mobile device charger R582, takealot.com **03.** Tickets to Janice Honeyman's *Sleeping Beauty* pantomime R215–R340, The Joburg Theatre Complex **04.** The Original Yellow Boot R3 899, Timberland **05.** Apple Watch with 42mm stainless-steel case and white sport band R9 999, iStore **06.** Nike Sportswear Tech Fleece Camo Hoody – Game Royal/Deep Royal Blue/Black/Black R2 299, Superbalist **07.** Gift vouchers from R50, Exclusive Books **08.** Breville Juice and Blend R4 999, Yuppiechef.com **09.** Embroidered Scatter Cushion from the Studio.W collection (50×50cm) R275, Woolworths **10.** Donut Pool Float R280, MRP Home **11.** Square dog beds R570 (small), R745 (medium) and R945 (large), Afripet.

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AMANDA HAUPT AND LISE BUTLER

As evidenced by their fabrics, the Joburg based duo behind Design Team value quality and uniqueness in design, keeping in touch with global trends and styles.

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01. Royal Blue Bell necklace (PICSS09) from the Spring Summer '15 collection R690, Pichulik **02.** Three Hook in Grey R240 (medium), Pedersen + Lennard **03.** *Humans of New York* by Brandon Stanton, published by St. Martin's Press R415, Takealot **04.** Vintage 24 Piece Cutlery Set – Black R9 995, Weylandts **05.** Plates from the Earth Range price on request, Mervyn Gers Ceramics **06.** Tower Planter R1 700, Joe Paine **07.** Bottled Peaches and Bottled Pears (750g each) R78 each, Melissa's The Food Shop **08.** Source Woven Chair by Haldane Martin R5 300, Leon at CCXIX **09.** Strip Ring R10 190 (sizes K–N), Kirsten Goss **10.** Large Ramekins in Cool Mint R220 for two, Le Creuset. ▷



KATHERINE-MARY PICHULIK

Since debuting at Design Indaba in 2012 with her Pichulik jewellery label, Cape Town based Kate has been taking an artist's residency in Italy and a feature in Vogue in her stride.

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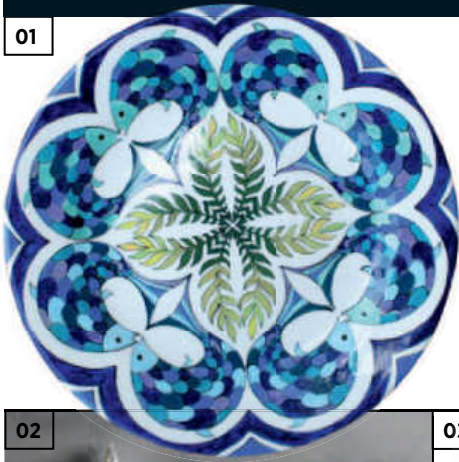


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01. 'Tiger, Tiger Burning Bright' glazed ceramic vase (31x18cm) by Hylton Nel R34 200 (excluding shipping), Stevenson **02.** Crystal Ring 2 R2 400 (custom made, available to order), Steffany Roup **03.** PacBoy 2015 limited edition room divider (1.5x1.7m) by Renée Rossouw and Fonk Design R12 000 (edition of 25), Renee Rossouw Studio **04.** Maryam Pump in Saffron Calf by Maryam Nassir Zadeh \$397 (excluding shipping and tax), Lisa Says Gah **05.** Zebra Rain Print unisex socks by Adriaan Kuiters + Jody Paulsen R180, The AKJP Collective **06.** Carrots and Sausages scarf by Nico Krijno R790 (edition of 50), L'Mad Collection **07.** AAKS Sese Bag (handcrafted raffia, 36x46cm) from the S/S Collection 14/15 R3 000, Kisua **08.** Hats from R500 each, Simon and Mary **09.** Lightning Paw perfume (9ml) \$45 (excluding shipping and tax), Olo Fragrance.

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STEFAN FRYLINCK

A seasoned connoisseur of exquisite items, Stefan owns StefanF Re Invent Retail by Design in Cape Town. Considering his job demands it, it's fair to assume you can trust his sense of style.

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01. Hand-painted ceramic plate with fish motif by Lesley van Blerk R250, Space for Life Art & Design **02.** Krafthaus felt Transparency Throw R2 800, Lula Fabrics **03.** Single-stem orchid R150, Stodels **04.** Moore hardwood sidetable R7 100, Birba **05.** Trolley Dolly table R2 500, Stokperd **06.** Leo the Lion children's cork place mat from the Bokkie & Friends collection by llovebokkie R150, Green Elephant Collective **07.** iPhone case in Sway - Lemon/Mint by Skinny laMinx from \$29, Nuvango **08.** Pylons with Animals custom-printed wallpaper in red and white R320/m², Quagga Fabrics & Wallpapers **09.** Artek 611 dining chair by Alvar Aalto R5 900, StefanF Re Invent Retail by Design.



ANDRE SCHUBERT

Food smitten Andre owns dynamite Durban restaurant Market and irreverent craft beer company Poison City Brewing. You might say he has a taste for the good things in life.

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01. Subscription to Beer of the Month Club R249 (mixed case of six) or R399 (mixed case of 12) per month, The League of Beers **02.** *Form & Function* album by Gangs of Ballet R49,99, iTunes **03.** Fossil Townsman watch R2 499, Watch Republic **04.** Customisable typographical Light Box R700, Typo **05.** Custom-made Havoc surfboard by Spider Murphy R3 800, Safari Surfboards **06.** Hand-illustrated vintage plates by Terry Angelos from R150, Anthology **07.** Murfey backpack in Burnt Orange R950 (unwaxed) or R1 200 (waxed), G7 Utility **08.** Canon PowerShot G16 digital camera R4 789, takealot.com **09.** Biker denim jacket by ADPT. R999, Superbalist **10.** Potted succulent from R25, Saint Verde Succulents **11.** Palladius 2013 white wine blend by The Sadie Family R510, Wine Cellar.

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As a Metro FM DJ, actress, and model – and one of the country's media darlings – Joburg based Pearl has an unerring instinct for precious presents.

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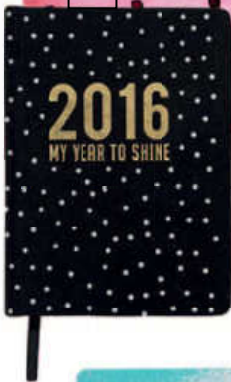
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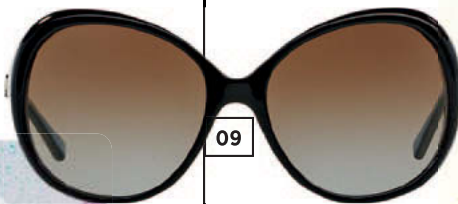
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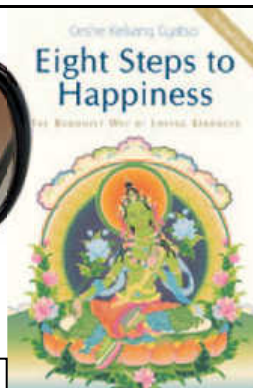
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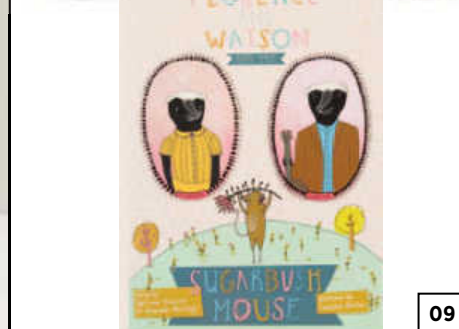
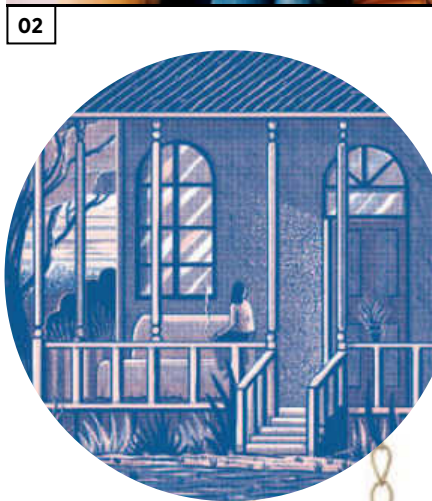
01. Abstract silver charm with blue crystal and clear cubic zirconia R1 299 each, Pandora **02.** 2016 Inspiration Diary R200 and bath mat R330, both Typo **03.** Beats by Dr Dre Pill 2.0 portable speaker R3 599, Digicape **04.** Nils Frame in White R449 (large) and Nils Small Frame in Black R249 (small), Country Road at Woolworths **05.** 2015 Summer Ladies Heels 048 (LI150543) R2 890, Europa Art Shoes **06.** iPhone 6 Plus Houdt Cherrywood Africa cover R449, Houdt **07.** I Am Juicy Couture EDP by Juicy Couture R725 (50ml), R1 050 (100ml), Red Square **08.** iTunes Gift Card from R150, Pick n Pay **09.** Andora Sunglasses (MK2008B) by Michael Kors R3 790, Sunglass Hut **10.** *Eight Steps to Happiness* by Geshe Kelsang Gyatso, published by Tharpa Publications R246, Exclusive Books **11.** Protea plant in a pot from R110, Starke Ayres Garden Centre.



LORRAINE LOOTS

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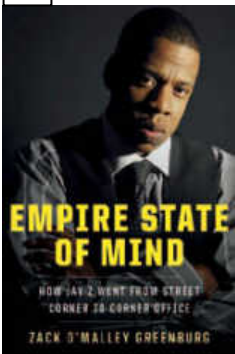
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HOUSE OF THE MONTH
BEACH **HOME**



Peeking above milkwood trees on a dune in Kommetjie, Daniel and Dominique Beatty's sustainably built home was named White Waters because seven different surf breaks are visible from its lounge. Built by Burger Construction (micah@built4life.co.za, 082-680-7770), the home features cement board instead of the traditional timber cladding, with the deck and screens made from white sugar gum, an alien timber.

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A FAMILY'S MODERN BEACH HOUSE ELEGANTLY SET ATOP A DUNE IN
CAPE TOWN'S KOMMETJIE IS THE ULTIMATE SURF RETREAT

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HE STORY BEHIND THIS BRACINGLY COOL CONTEMPORARY BEACH HOUSE IS ONE THAT COMPLETES A JOYFUL CIRCLE.



You might say that its owners, Daniel and Dominique Beatty, were simply meant to set up a home for their family on this very spot, just a few steps off the fine white sand of Long Beach in Kommetjie.

The dune on which White Waters was built is where Dan and his brother Matthew Beatty, the house's architect, grew up. It was Matthew who taught Dan how to surf and once he'd got the hang of it he was duly smitten. 'I spent around 20 years surfing almost every day, sometimes four times a day, and most of it in the waves that you can see from our house,' Dan says.

When Dan and Dom left Cape Town several years ago to work in Tokyo and then Hong Kong (they now live for much of the year in Shanghai), little did they conceive that the plot on the dune would come up for sale. The couple had been searching for a property they could build as a base for their two children, Torben, four, and Nia, two – 'a place they would know as home, and which would provide a sense of where they come from,' says Dom.

Having long admired the portfolio of Matthew and his partner Saskia Vermeiren, taking on architectural firm Beatty Vermeiren was the couple's 'only choice.' 'We also felt that Matthew knew the dune the best,' says Dan. 'Most of the time I was up there he was there too, convincing me to go to the breaks with the bigger waves.'

Integral to the brief were maximising the views and blocking the wind, all within a modest budget – the result Matthew >



The home's gentle fold guards against both prying eyes and the wind. 'Our pool is always glassy, even though we're watching trees get flattened a few metres away,' says Daniel. The Beattys bought the chair from a Malawian street vendor and painted it yellow. OPPOSITE Architect Matthew Beatty keeps up the brothers' tradition of daily surfing.

describes as 'a reimagining of a modern beach house' rather than a typical example of the vernacular. It's essentially a single rectangular structure with a central bend

'WE WANTED TO MAKE THE MOST OF INSIDE-OUTSIDE LIVING SO ALL THE DOORS UPSTAIRS OPEN UP COMPLETELY TO LET THE SKY IN.'

adding impact while protecting against the prevailing southeaster and limiting the view line to allow for more privacy. What is not interrupted are the ocean views: half of the house looks out towards Hout Bay and the other towards Long Beach.

'We designed it to be as unimposing as possible, visually,' Matthew says. Materials such as the sustainable fibre-cement-board cladding – an echo of traditional clapboard – along with timber balustrades and slatted screens add to the building's simple but striking appearance. The deck that runs its length widens the interior spaces and, seen from the outside, makes the house 'appear lightweight and elegant', Matthew notes.

Particular care was taken in the kitchen and living areas on the upper level. 'We wanted to make the most of inside-outside living so all the doors upstairs open up completely to let the sky in,' says Dan. A raised roof creates extra volume and allows for a flood of natural light, while exposed trusses lend a fresh nautical edge.

Dom's background in fashion reveals itself in the stylishly pared-down decor, notable for its neutral palette of pale wood and white with the occasional punch of colour. Sofas were upholstered in a complementary soft grey that's easy to update with patterned scatters, while simple, clean-lined furniture such as the dining table and cabinets were custom-made by a local artisan. On the walls are a series of paintings and drawings by Saskia's father, acclaimed artist Jan Vermeiren. 'This is not your typical beach house,' Dom says. 'You won't find any "gone surfing" signs!'

Yet, Dan adds with a smile, 'The house was built around surfing, from the board room and wetsuit store downstairs to the tap to wash your feet when you come up from the beach.' Not to forget the shower out on the deck, 'the perfect place to take off your wetsuit and warm up after a long surf in the freezing Atlantic'. Just the way the brothers have always done it. ☐

Beatty Vermeiren, beattyvermeiren.com;
White Waters is available for short-term or holiday rentals through Perfect Hideaways, perfecthideaways.co.za.



The smartly designed kitchen belies its compact looks with a scullery concealed to the side. When the sliding doors (to the back) open up, the kitchen extends seamlessly to a generous outdoor dining area – a favourite spot for the owners to braai and drink Cape Point Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc ('because we can see the vineyards from here'). The island was custom-made by Gareth Brown of Joint Fabrication & Design (jointfabrication.wix.com/customfurniture). OPPOSITE The indigenous garden was designed by Eugene Bosini of Greenbos (eugene@greenbos.co.za, 082-408-3109).



CLOCKWISE FROM RIGHT Matthew Beatty and Saskia Vermeiren relax with their son Raphael in the upstairs lounge on a couch by The Sofaworx Company (sofaworx.co.za). The coffee table is from Weylandts (weylandts.co.za); a Pumpkin Shade by Moonbasket (moonbasket.com) hangs above a custom oak dining table by Holly Wood Kitchens and Furniture (hollywoodfurniture.co.za). The Hexagon Shelves are from Baillie & Kovar Design & Decor (BaillieKovarDesignDecor); the downstairs bunk room wall features a striking wooden surfboard from Wawa Wooden Surfboards (wawawave.com), the rug is from Airloom (airloom.co.za), the lamp is from Pedersen + Lennard (pedersenlennard.co.za) and the coffee table is from Esque (esque.co.za).



The soft furnishings throughout the house are by Catherine Moore (082-453-5450), who covered these vintage armchairs in the lounge with fabric by Skinny laMinx (skinnylaminx.com). The blue portrait painting – as well as the line drawings above the couch (opposite) – are by artist Jan Vermeiren. The plywood cabinet seen to the rear is a custom piece by Holly Wood Kitchens and Furniture.



A bright, modern kid's bedroom with large windows, a surfboard leaning against the wall, a bed with blue bedding, and various toys like a bicycle and a rug.

A York surfboard from Lifestyle Surf Shop (lifestylesurfshop.co.za) leans against the wall in this cheerful kid's bedroom. The rail-and-drawers unit is by Holly Wood Kitchens and Furniture and the round stool is from Pedersen + Lennard. OPPOSITE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT A galley bathroom leads to the pool deck – the towel hook is from Pedersen + Lennard and the oak counter is by Gareth Brown of Joint Fabrication & Design; this tub takes pride of place in the master bathroom; the light fitting in this downstairs bedroom is from Ikea (ikea.com) and the owners breathed life into the chest of drawers, from a pine furniture shop in Fish Hoek, with a new coat of paint.

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DAN AND DOM'S HOME TRUTHS

The first thing I do when I get home is take off my shoes – Asian habits die hard! (Dom); run upstairs and see what the wind is doing (Dan). **We love Kommetjie because** it's close to Boulders, Cape Point and Kalk Bay, and for a young family there are so many adventures waiting to happen, from picnics at Cape Point Vineyards to sandwiches at Olifantsbos or just letting the kids run wild on Long Beach (Dom). **There's nothing better than** driving home with kids full of salt and sand, fast asleep because they've just had the best time and exhausted themselves (Dom). **We're part of a wonderful neighbourhood** – everyone knows everyone, so a 30-second walk to the beach becomes a 30-minute walk as we bump into so many friendly faces (Dom). **Whoever wakes up first** will drive the kids to Noordhoek to buy croissants fresh from the oven at The Foodbarn Restaurant. Back home we'll take the croissants and a pot of coffee down to the beach with our picnic blanket. The kids will spend most of their time daring each other to get their toes in the ocean (they are not used to the cold water at all!) and building sand castles, and Dan will go surfing (Dom). **If we're feeling ambitious**, Scarborough and Misty Cliffs are 10 minutes away and we'll drive down and pick mussels for supper (Dom). **One of my non-negotiables when we built was** the roof terrace – a perfect space for a beer or glass of wine in the evenings. Torben calls it the eagles' nest. I'm sure he'll find it more exciting when he's tall enough to see over the walls (Dan).

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THE WATER BABIES

THIS BARN STYLE FAMILY HIDEOUT IN THE CAPE OVERBERG VILLAGE OF GREYTON IS A CHILD'S RIVERSIDE PARADISE

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A mass of Love Milo cushions in the Ellis family's contemporary country house in Greyton make the garden-facing window Nicki's favourite reading spot. The riempie chair and coffee table are from Weylandts (weylandts.co.za) and the vase is from Country Road at Woolworths (woolworths.co.za). OPPOSITE Milo fishes in the pond beside the fever tree while Phoenix jumps on the trampoline in the back garden.





As a busy single mother and owner of Woodstock homeware store Love Milo, Nicki Ellis needed a getaway from Cape Town city life – a place where birdsong replaced tweeting, transport was by bicycle, and her children Milo, six, and Phoenix, five, could contentedly amuse themselves while she read in the sun. Fortunately her father had a plan.

‘Having grandchildren was the catalyst for him,’ Nicki explains. ‘Children grow up so quickly and my dad wanted to create a place where we could all be together for weekends and holidays so he could take them fishing and for walks.’ Graham Ellis, a doctor based in Somerset West, had spent weekends in Greyton over the years and had fallen for the quiet village set in a hollow in the Riviersonderend Mountains. With its rivers and leiwat channels running along oak-shaded streets and its nature reserve with fynbos walks and waterfalls, this was a place where the children could explore outdoors and safely play in the streets. At a 90-minute drive from Cape Town and 45 minutes from Somerset West it was also accessible so, four years ago, Graham found the perfect plot on the gravel road along the river at the bottom of the village.

‘Then we all sat down and discussed the design of the house,’ recalls Nicki. Her sister Andrea, an architect working with Luke Scott in Cape Town at the time, designed the house in a U shape around a central swimming area, with all rooms facing the pool. ‘There’s one side for the kids to play in, one side for the adults to drink in,’ says Nicki, laughing: one wing houses the main living area and kitchen, the other a playroom and TV. Based on a barn concept with trusses and high ceilings, the home is distinctly contemporary for Greyton yet meets the strict building regulations prescribing a country style.

Graham employed local artisans and builders for the home’s construction and although this may have prolonged the process he considered it an important gesture for a family that would be joining Greyton’s small community. The decor was Nicki’s contribution: from Love Milo she selected cushions, fabrics, cutlery and china in a neutral palette – ‘nothing too fancy’. The family had agreed on a light-filled holiday home that was simple, uncluttered and easy to maintain. ‘The house is made for the kids to do what they want,’ explains Nicki. ‘There are often frogs




in the house; Milo brings in fish; and they can ride their bicycles on the cement screed floors.'

In January 2013, after 18 months of building and decorating, the house was ready for occupation. Cue the start of a new parallel life for the family members who, like most Greyton residents, soon began walking to the shops and riding their bicycles to the Saturday-morning market. Milo whiles away hours finding insects and caterpillars, catching mosquitofish in the pond at the bottom of the garden, spotting wildlife in the nature reserve and going fly-fishing in the river with his grandfather. Phoenix can be found jumping on the trampoline, baking cookies or drawing in front of the fireplace in winter. Nicki takes the opportunity to read on the cushioned ledge beside the north-facing living room window, a prime sun spot even in winter. The glass throughout the house affords views all the way to the back garden. As Nicki notes, 'No matter where you are, you can always see where the kids are.'

Their house in the village has become the natural location for family celebrations. When Graham turned 60 last year a throng of his friends stayed in the village and joined the family for a festive

dinner at Searle's Trading Post. For the children, Halloween is the highlight. 'It's very open and neighbourly here; a very nice, close-knit community. Everyone made such an effort,' says Nicki, recalling the cauldron at the bottom of a neighbour's garden, the witches' hats decorating houses, and how her children went trick or treating along the village lanes, with Milo dressed as Darth Vader and Phoenix as a skeleton.

Truly, it's a place where memories are made.  **Luke Scott Architects, lukescott.co.za; Love Milo, lovemilo.com**

ABOVE, FROM FAR LEFT Classic elements, such as the tiled arch, mix well with modern elements that include the low maintenance cement screed flooring and glassed in stairs. The carpet is from Turkey and the lamp shade is from Lightworld (lightworld.co.za); the family designed a light-filled, uncluttered space – in the kitchen a clean, white look harmonises with the aluminium door frames. The stools are from Weylandts, the lamp shades are from Lightworld and the wooden fruit bowl is from Love Milo; Nicki and Phoenix in the central pool area, which is the lush heart of the holiday home. The U-shaped design of the house, and plenty of glass, ensure the children are visible from any point.



‘CHILDREN GROW UP SO QUICKLY AND MY DAD WANTED TO CREATE A PLACE WHERE WE COULD BE TOGETHER.’



NICKI'S HOME TRUTHS

My favourite spot is the main lounge area: it has such a beautiful view and it's a great place to sit and read on the windowsill. **The first thing I do when I get to the holiday house** is unpack, open the doors and relax. **Something I love about life in Greyton** is the village lifestyle: the close community and being able to walk everywhere. **My favourite way to enjoy the great outdoors in this area** is to take a hike up the mountain to the waterfall. **I'm most inspired by** the things I find in nature – the patterns and shapes are always inspiring to me. **My best advice for those designing and building their own holiday home** is to design it around your lifestyle and family. **My most treasured item** is a painting that comes from my grandparents' home. **I could never live without** my family. **Something I always have in the fridge at the holiday home** is cheese from the Saturday market. **Our signature holiday dish** is pancakes – my son's favourite. **My best piece of advice for family holidays** is to be prepared and balance your activities with relaxation time. **The most useful item we have in our Greyton house** is the coffee machine – and it's the most used! **The soundtrack to my perfect weekend** would be music by Milky Chance. **The country that inspires me most** is Namibia. **I have a natural talent for** photography. **My favourite Greyton dining spot** is Searle's Trading Post.

ABOVE, FROM FAR LEFT This is a house where kids are free to ride their bikes indoors. The sofa is from Weylandts, with cushions from Love Milo; a teak bed with a riempie headboard from Weylandts evokes a country feeling in Nicki's bedroom along with a knit blanket from Woolworths and a side table from Nap (napliving.co.za). The bedside lamp is from Woolworths and Nicki took the photographs; less is more, especially in bathrooms. The rug is from Woolworths and the metal ottoman is from Weylandts; Graham's bedroom overlooks the central pool area, as do all the rooms in the house. The bed is from Weylandts, with cushions from Love Milo. The mirror is from Nap.

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a dream shared

THREE FRIENDS HAVE TURNED A BASIC FARM COTTAGE IN THE WEST COAST WHEAT LANDS INTO A NOVEL AND INSPIRED HOLIDAY HOUSE THAT'S IDEAL FOR WEEKEND ENTERTAINING

TEXT **HILARY PRENDINI TOFFOLI** STYLING **JEANNE BOTES** PHOTOGRAPHS **GREG COX**





Michelle Kruger relaxes in a Brazilian hammock in the garden of the house in Koringberg that she bought with her friends Martina Klopper and Ian Goodes. The basket is from Vintage White (022-448-1718) in Riebeeck Kasteel. OPPOSITE The mountain in Koringberg makes a stunning backdrop for the pool house that Michelle, left, and Martina have turned into a relaxed entertaining area. The Morris chair on the deck was a gift.



ny village set among rolling fields of wheat against a mountain would be hard-pressed to find a name that is more apt than Koringberg. A lush emerald green in winter, the countryside turns golden in summer and 18 months ago it was shimmering in heat when Michelle Kruger, her friend Martina Klopper, and Martina's partner Ian Goodes first saw the property that would become their weekend bolt hole.

The big plot, a block or so away from the village centre (a post office, liquor store and two spaza shops), had two simple flat-roofed buildings. The pool house consisted of three walls and a broken floor, while the reddish cottage next to it had two enormous bedrooms with open-plan bathrooms. Connecting them was a comfortable space that acted as kitchen, dining and living room during the three winter months it took them to convert the

pool house into an engaging glass-fronted living and entertaining area.

How they did it is a story and a half says Michelle. It started off with major discussions over food and wine next to the fire. 'We cooked amazing meals, drew lots of pictures and spent time on Pinterest. We called it the "dreaming and scheming" time,' she says.

They first designed the steel-framed glass doors, which would turn out to be a feat of engineering. Not only was nothing about the pool house's original construction straight but they were set on having doors that opened all the way to create an indoor-outdoor scenario and casual-entertaining space next to the pool.

Then came the challenge of finding reliable contractors in Koringberg, more than an hour away from Cape Town. In the end the eight concertina doors were made by a Cape Town welder but, as it turned out, their problem was not yet solved. 'Apart from the many times he didn't pitch to install them because yet another water pipe had burst on yet another site,' says Martina, 'he also comes from the school of "measuring with the eye".'

After the welder's first day on site Ian came along with his spirit level and took over. Everything that had been installed had to be removed and they started all over again. 'Ian was an absolute hero,' says Michelle. 'What he pulled off! He ended up managing most of the project.'

Contractors from the village did the ceiling and the screeded concrete floor, painting it all white like the walls. The rest the three friends did themselves. Ian built the three-metre kitchen counter using copper piping for the legs and Oregon pine from an old Newlands station building for the top. He put in a French basin Michelle found in a vintage store in Durbanville. The industrial taps were a Pinterest idea and a friend of Michelle's son Christopher did the plumbing. Martina, a smart organiser, kept everyone on track.

The budget was tight and most of the furniture was bought at second-hand stores and revamped. To keep the large communal room warm in winter they put in a compact wood-burning stove and, in keeping with its loosely industrial ambience, globes in metal cages were hung above the metal-legged table whose top was made by Ian from old balau deck planks.▷



An antique ladder leans against the water tank at the side of the house. The rusty metal wall light is from Morocco. OPPOSITE LEFT A pergola was added to shade the front stoep and a grape vine has been planted to cover it. OPPOSITE RIGHT The large square farm pool framed by palm trees captivated Michelle and Martina when they first saw the property. They've put wheels on a pallet to make a moveable seat and covered it with a chequer cloth from Ikea.



Ian built the kitchen counter from copper piping and old Oregon-pine planks. The hanging globes are from Arora Lights (aroralights.co.za), the copper pots are from Superbalist (superbalist.com) and the ceramic coffee set is a fleamarket find.



The brass wire lamps in the kitchen area are from Weylandts (weylandts.co.za) and the oil painting above the stove is by Martina. ABOVE Ian made the dining table and the rug is from MRP Home (mrphome.com). A Walter Battiss print hangs on the wall.



For seating they found perforated metal stools with wooden seats and a high-backed dining chair that's all sleek steel.

Nor is their deck furniture your ordinary garden loungers. Instead they are classics such as the Western world's first wooden recliner, the Morris chair, with its adjustable back brought into the 21st century with huge hessian cushions that you can comfortably lie back on with your towel after a dip in the pool.

The two spacious bedrooms are eclectic in style with large stuffed sofas that make them feel more like welcoming living rooms. 'Martina and I both love Scandinavian simplicity but somehow more elements crept in along the way,' says Michelle. 'We're also guilty of bringing things from our homes in Cape Town.' They're both lovers of art too and on the walls are works by Walter Battiss, Marjorie Wallace, Diek Grobler, Christopher Slack and Gert Naudé.

Michelle spends about four months of the year abroad but when she's here she comes to Koringberg most weekends, as do Martina and Ian. 'It is a place for us to dream and exhale,' Michelle says. 'We often sit outside and marvel at the fact that it belongs to us! It's our space to relax, be creative, catch up and entertain. There's a piece of land at the back that we're turning into our "Legacy Orchard". Friends bring fruit trees and plant them there, so something of them will always live on here.'

Ian Goodes, spiritedlevel.co.za



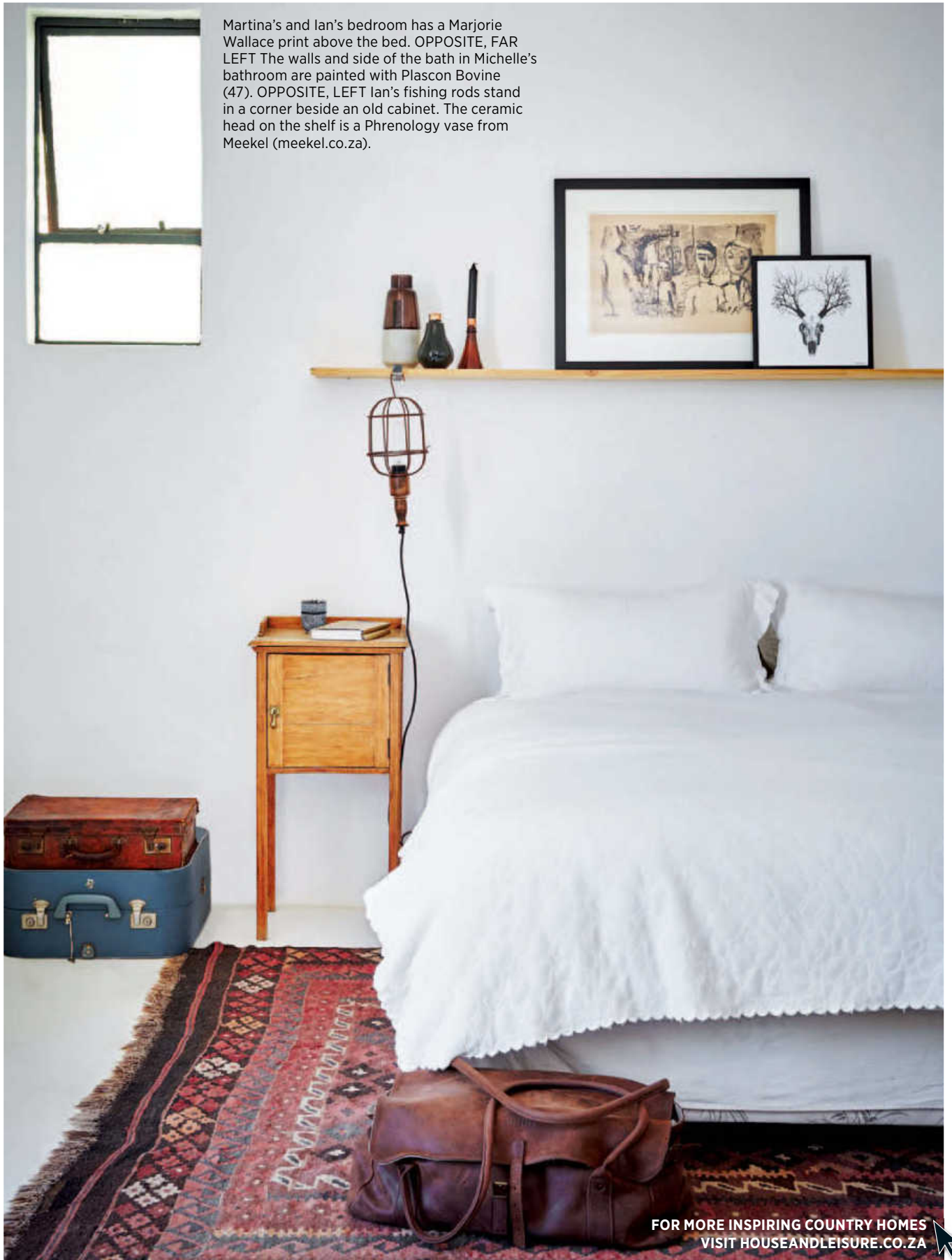
A painting by Martina hangs above Michelle's bed and the books table is her grandmother's piano stool, which she sat on at the dinner table as a child. The grey felt throw is by Stephanie Bentum of Krafthaus (krafthaus.co.za) and the pouffe is from MRP Home.



MICHELLE AND MARTINA'S HOME TRUTHS

What's best about holidaying here is that there's space for entertaining and the weather is amazing. **When we arrive** we set up the outside areas, pour ourselves a glass of wine and start catching up. **Our summer entertaining style** tends to vary, thanks to the indoor-outdoor nature of the pool room, from alfresco to sit down traditional to simply coming up with small, interesting dishes all day long, a favourite of ours. **Our tips for hosting a lunch or dinner party are** to invite people whose company you enjoy. Do some planning. Be prepared to change some of that planning. Though cookbooks are great it's satisfying to follow your fancy and a mishap or two can be good fodder for laughter around the table. Don't plan anything early for the following morning. **After a hot day** there's nothing better than jumping into the pool at sunset, lighting a fire and enjoying the sounds and smells of summer. (Martina and Ian are on standby to remove any Red Romans that cross Michelle's path. There are quite a few in summer.) **Breakfast with guests at the weekend is** usually brunch. **Our new favourite is** Michelle's grilled-polenta cakes made with Parmesan cheese and served with lots of maple syrup and crispy bacon. Martina is the baker in the house and makes scones and bread with lots of butter. **The most unpredictable thing we've ever done is** buying this house. **The music you're likely to hear here is** female weaver birds scolding the males because their nests aren't good enough, the cows and ducks on neighbouring farms, the far-off sounds of a Saturday-night party (accompanied by dogs barking), early morning singing in church on Sundays and the wind in the trees.

Martina's and Ian's bedroom has a Marjorie Wallace print above the bed. OPPOSITE, FAR LEFT The walls and side of the bath in Michelle's bathroom are painted with Plascon Bovine (47). OPPOSITE, LEFT Ian's fishing rods stand in a corner beside an old cabinet. The ceramic head on the shelf is a Phrenology vase from Meekel (meekel.co.za).

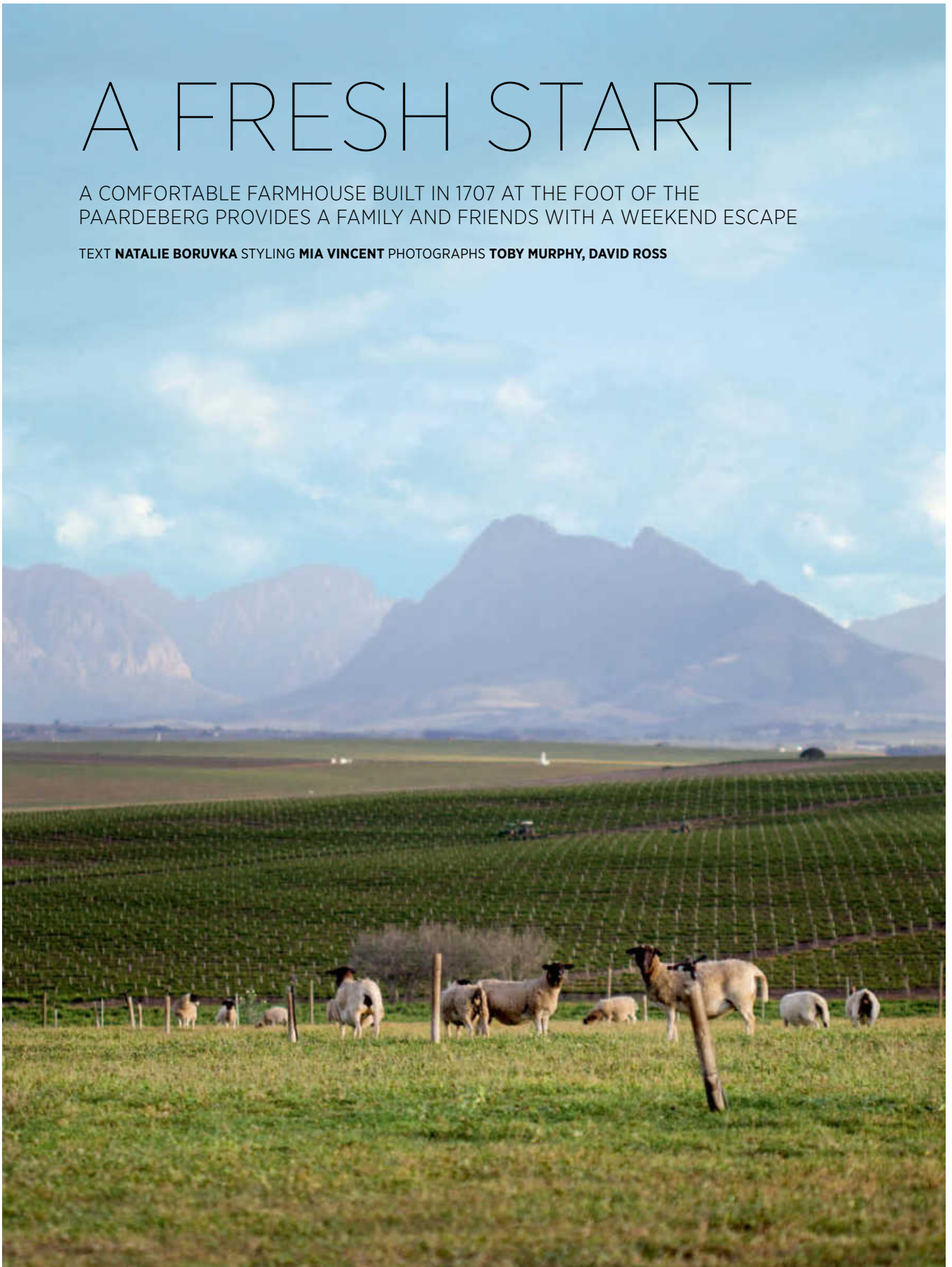


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A FRESH START

A COMFORTABLE FARMHOUSE BUILT IN 1707 AT THE FOOT OF THE
PAARDEBERG PROVIDES A FAMILY AND FRIENDS WITH A WEEKEND ESCAPE

TEXT **NATALIE BORUVKA** STYLING **MIA VINCENT** PHOTOGRAPHS **TOBY MURPHY, DAVID ROSS**



The yellow wood dining table and mix of old Cape chairs in the summer sitting room of the Reid family's oasis of tranquillity at the base of the Paardeberg are from the Lutge Gallery (lutge.co.za). OPPOSITE Staart Farm, which is situated between Wellington and Riebeeck Kasteel just an hour from Cape Town, is set against a breathtaking mountain panorama.





Friday afternoons hold a customary and somewhat chaotic sense of excitement for the Reid family. After bundling their two Labradors, Jack Russell and cocker spaniel into the car along with a load of weekend supplies, Jo and her three children, Ella (14), Ben (11) and Will (eight), head off to the family's working farm at the base of the Paardeberg in the Boland. Jo's husband James makes the 30 minute trip from Stellenbosch after work. 'A heritage of farming on both sides of our family has meant that we've always had a passion for organic produce,' says James, who grew up on a farm in Scotland and now works in the wine industry. 'It became a priority once we had children and we've been privileged to be able to take the logical way forward.'

After six years Staart Farm is as they intended: an oasis of plenty. Against the backdrop of the Du Toitskloof Mountains the Reids nurture a vineyard and olive grove and harvest fruit and vegetables from their garden. Sheep and a herd of Nguni cattle fleck the expanses of green while a scattering of chickens completes a picture of bucolic bliss. 'The minute I step out of the car I feel I can breathe again,' says Jo, who tends the farm with

farm manager Albert Potgieter. 'There's a tremendous feeling of space and serenity that's hard to explain and for our children it's a haven that offers endless adventure.'

The family spends holidays here too, often with friends and family in tow. Every second Christmas Jo's family visits and at Easter the farm is open to those who aren't away. They're made to feel at home within the thick, white-washed walls of the manor house, which was established in 1707. With its wide wraparound veranda and spacious, high-ceilinged rooms it's a home that Jo describes as 'able to be filled without feeling full. We love that the house is easy,' she says. 'We can come together as large groups inside or outside but the spaces have been arranged in such a way that it's also possible to slip away and spend a quiet afternoon undisturbed.'

The decor, too, is a flexible meld of grand colonial and convivial farmhouse. It's a contrast that's almost indiscernible at times. In the summer sitting room, for example, a welcoming slip-covered sofa eases the formality of the room's classical features and imposing proportions. 'Although we don't have a formal lifestyle it was important for us to retain the integrity of the historic farmstead,'



says Jo in explaining how they restored the walls and the original wood and terracotta floors. ‘Ultimately our goal was to be comfortable and for people who visit to feel the same way.’ The comfort has much to do with the home’s original design. In summer soothing breezes enter through generous French doors and sash windows and in winter the fireplaces create warmth and ambience.

Whether the Reids are spending time at Staart Farm as a family or hosting guests their days are slow and unstructured. ‘There are 40 hectares to explore on bike or by foot and if you want to nap or kick back with a book that’s just fine too,’ says Jo. A given is gin and tonic for the adults on the stoep at noon followed by a long, lazy lunch. When the sun dips and bathes the mountains in a kaleidoscope of pinks everyone gathers again to lend a hand with supper. In winter all crowd round the AGA cooker in the kitchen and in summer it’s a braai or making pizzas beside the pool. ‘Evenings are spent on the sofas under the stars,’ says Jo. ‘When that still peacefulness descends it’s hard not to feel as though you’re on holiday.’ ☐ **This property is available for short-term holiday rentals through Perfect Hideaways, perfecthideaways.co.za.**

ABOVE, FROM FAR LEFT The wraparound stoep offers sweeping views of the Du Toitskloof Mountains; Jo and her son Will explore the extensive gardens, picking proteas and wildflowers for the home; lunches are lazy alfresco affairs; the varied brickwork in an exposed part of the kitchen wall reveals how the farmhouse’s walls were constructed from whatever was available at the time. Between the farm stones and handmade bricks there are also blocks that were used as ballasts on ships.



The portrait of Nelson Mandela hanging in the winter sitting room was discovered at a gallery in Kalk Bay. RIGHT There's many a peaceful corner to escape to for a nap or with a book. OPPOSITE The mural in Ben and Will's bedroom was painted by Theo le Roux of Mural Maniac (muralmaniac.co.za).



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JO AND JAMES' HOME TRUTHS

What's best about this place is the conscious change of seasons (Jo). **My favourite space is** the summer sitting room (Jo). **Our style is** Cape country (Jo). **I'm inspired by** the nature that surrounds me (Jo). **The first thing I do when I get up is** make a cup of tea and sit quietly on the stoep for a while (Jo). **For us, luxury means** time on the farm with our family (Jo). **I collect** jugs (Jo); wine (James). **My guilty pleasure is** sitting on a bench in the vegetable garden at the end of a day with a whisky in my hand (Jo). **My most treasured possession is** my pair of secateurs (Jo). **Our favourite way to entertain is** with family and friends over a Saturday lunch that lasts into dinner (Jo). **My signature dish is** our quince preserve with toasted nuts and my mom's home-made ice cream (Jo); steaks from our Nguni herd on the braai with whatever vegetables I can find in the garden (James). **We relax by** walking our dogs on our farm (Jo). **For us holidays mean** time together with family (Jo). **Holiday food is** easy, delicious and generous (Jo). **My dream holiday** would be to see the northern lights (Jo).

ABOVE, FROM LEFT Ella's bathroom was originally the kitchen and her basin sits under the lintel where the old open fire stove stood; mint green grounds the expansive volume of the walls in the main bedroom. OPPOSITE In the main bathroom, as in the rest of the home, care has been taken to update the space while retaining the integrity of the original farmhouse character.

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Hugging the slopes of Table Mountain, MannaBay is eclectic opulence at its best

TEXT **LISA VAN ASWEGEN** PHOTOGRAPHS **INGE PRINS**

LEISURE HOT SPOT

The grey exterior of MannaBay boutique hotel belies the vivid, boldly patterned interiors that await discerning guests lucky enough to spend a night here. Hidden high against the slopes of Table Mountain in the Mother City, this gem boasts refined luxury in a decidedly hip setting.

Here, within the light, open spaces, it's all about creating intimate niches that invite relaxation, from the piano room with a baby grand where a lavish high tea is served to the sun lounge with its pops of bright red in the form of scatter cushions and a Persian carpet against wood and glass walls. Contemporary art, from photography to sculpture and painting, adorns all the spaces.

Playful touches, such as the brightly coloured elephants and tall wooden giraffes, remind visitors that they are indeed in Africa. Intricate chandeliers, marble floors and magnificent white orchids effortlessly create an opulent atmosphere.

Crisp corners continue outside, where the rectangular pool and loungers urge guests to enjoy the sun. Here the distinctly African boma next to the koi pond is a favourite spot to enjoy sundowners or you can head to the Atlas deck with its red bar, where the Table Mountain National Park's flora and looming sandstone mountain serve as the ultimate backdrop.

For views of the city and harbour nothing beats the breakfast area – The MannaBay Café – where simple wooden tables are adorned with proteas and nothing detracts from the vista. The show kitchen, kitted out with Le Creuset cookware and Mervyn Gers ceramics, takes centre stage, but you needn't rush in the morning – there's a butler on call 24/7 who's waiting to serve up a hot breakfast.

Each of the seven rooms as well as the sprawling suite in MannaBay has a unique decor persona. Detailed wallpaper, lush carpets, piles of books, and tactile wood and leather benches feature throughout. Black and white photographs and floral illustrations add depth to the spaces. One of our favourite rooms is the Flamingo Room, with the eponymous bird joyously presiding over the vast freestanding bathtub. Each room also boasts a brilliant view, be it of the bay or the mountain.

Both contemporary and sumptuous, MannaBay offers guests an experience not to be missed. **8 Bridle Rd, Oranjezicht, Cape Town, 021-461-1094, mannabay.com**

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CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE The view from The MannaBay Café; the Flamingo Room celebrates this beautifully bright bird; you can relax in one of the several lounge areas. PREVIOUS PAGE The pool at MannaBay.





What better place to enjoy sultry summer days than at Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve? The cool of dawn and dusk is perfect for Big Five game viewing and the long, hot days lend themselves to luxury outdoor living and fine dining

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the kamers connection

Kamers Irene, which is filled with well-wrought finery and home-grown fare, is just the place to cherry-pick gifts

TEXT **KARIEN SLABBERT** PHOTOGRAPHS **CHARL DU PREEZ, CHANTALL MARSHALL**

WHAT? Every December the bucolic surrounds of Irene become home to one of South Africa's best known pop-up markets. What sets the Irene leg of Kamers Vol Geskenke apart from other Christmas markets in the capital city is its curated mix of tailor-made apparel, high-end decor and artisanal crafts.

Kamers started out as an intimate display of handmade goods by a group of creative friends in Stellenbosch. Since its humble beginnings in 2003 it has become a creative linchpin, with mega markets taking place across the country. Judging by the 20 000-plus visitors to the Joburg, Cape Town and Hermanus events earlier this year, the market at the Open Window Institute of Arts and Digital Sciences in Irene from 1 to 6 December (9am to 6pm daily) is sure to draw quite the crowd.

WHO? You'll find young families, groups of friends, craft lovers and design sleuths buzzing about the spacious venue armed with Christmas shopping lists and carry bags. Although the market is quite busy there's always room to amble about, glass of bubbly in hand, sampling the gastronomical treats on offer.

WHAT TO EXPECT? Crisp, creative items abound, all conveniently located under one

roof. Friendly vendors – some new, some old hands – are eager to chat to the stream of visitors winding their ways through the stalls. There's an enormous variety to tempt you, from coffee, confectionery and craft beer to fashion, homeware and jewellery (to name a few). It's festive and fun, with lots of socialising taking place amid the hub of handcrafted goods and live music.

DON'T LEAVE WITHOUT... updating your wardrobe with pendants and studs by Nina Bosch Porcelain and glass-beaded jewellery by Adjani. We love the inlaid wooden stack rings by Net 'n Kameel and plush mohair shawls by Marea Marea. Give your kitchen an aesthetic reboot with organic looking wooden plates by Coco Africa and metallic concrete bowls from Notation Design. My Hares and Graces' large hare, cat and dog sculptures are also super cool; ditto the leather and canvas bags made by Freedom of Movement.

X-FACTOR Creative entrepreneurs are handpicked for the fair, which ensures that the offering is always unique, cutting-edge and local – there's no magpie selection of twee flea market goods to be found here. □

Open Window Institute of Arts and Digital Sciences, Southdowns, Irene, Pretoria, kamersvol.com



FROM TOP LEFT Geometric shelves by Folksy Fine with candle holders and a coat rack by Decorative Details; visitors are spoilt for choice; a metallic leather necklace by One for the Birds and Galaxy linen fabric by Andrea Brand; enjoy delicious freshly brewed coffee; a wooden chopping board from The Block Shop is perfect for pizza; macarons by Ma Mère Confections.



STYLING: NICKY MYBURGH



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jumping for junior

The restaurateurs who brought us Royale Eatery and El Burro are now treating Capetonians to an ultra hip burger bar called Junior. Beef and vegetarian options are on offer along with American-style diner fare, such as cheese fries, double-thick milkshakes and glazed Oreo doughnuts. Enjoy your meal on a speckled countertop or to go, wrapped in trendy red, white and blue packaging. **Shop 2, 12 Kloof Nek Rd, Tamboerskloof, Cape Town, 021-422-2968**



A FARE SHARE

Jozi's Workshop 55 has taken a novel approach to eating out with its intimate social-dining concept. Located in a converted home, this new Parktown North restaurant offers an array of tempting tapas dishes to share (included in the cover fee) as well as additional speciality dishes and a choice of artisanal gins infused by the owner and prepared with flare at your table.

55 7th Ave, Parktown North, Johannesburg, 011-442-6252, workshop55.co.za

foodie news

TEXT MILA CREWE-BROWN, AMY-LEIGH PATERSON PHOTOGRAPHS VALENTINA NICOL, INGE PRINS, GRAEME WYLLIE, ISTOCK, SUPPLIED



ASIAN FRESH

One of Joburg's best-loved Asian restaurants has just opened in Fourways. For this, its fourth outlet, Koi Restaurant opted for a sleek, light-filled interior and a sushi menu based on the latest trends. Keep an eye out for the Koi Bru microbrewery, opening soon. **The Design Quarter, cnr William Nicol Dr and Leslie Ave, Fourways, Joburg, 011-465-2557, koirest.co.za**



BAO WOW

Chef Cheyne Morrisby of Cheyne's is serving more outstanding Asian food at Lucky Bao, his eight seater street-food bar at the foot of Chapman's Peak. Depending on the day of the week the menu features bao and yakitori, ramen and burgers or a secret six course dinner. **Pam Arlene Place, Main Rd, Hout Bay, Cape Town, 079-067-4919, LuckyBaoBar**

Fans of Karen Jossel's Bags of Bites can now enjoy her delicious fresh biscuits, rusks, cakes, sandwiches and other sweet and savoury treats at The Cookie Yard, her cosy co-owned café in Observatory. 4 Tasman Rd, Observatory, Cape Town, 082-494-8419, TheCookieYardza






nico verster

This safari lodge executive chef crafts inspiring cuisine to match an African setting

TEXT KELLY BERMAN PHOTOGRAPHS TOBY MURPHY



As a child Nico Verster would stand on a kitchen stool and help his grandmother bake beskuit and vetkoek. 'I sold home-made chocolates to school friends and ran a doughnut shop every weekend at the flea market,' says the chef, whose sweet tooth is now complemented by a flair for Pan-African cuisine with a twist.

Food goes hand in hand with the rugged beauty of the outdoors for the executive chef at Jamala Madikwe Royal Safari Lodge in the Madikwe Game Reserve. After training at Crowne Plaza Johannesburg – The Rosebank Hotel and City & Guilds in London, Nico left city life behind to work as a professional chef in some of South Africa's most inspiring natural locations.

He has zigzagged from coast to veld, cooking for guests at and Beyond Phinda Private Game Reserve, Birkenhead House Hotel in Hermanus and Molori Private Retreats in Clifton, with a stint in Dubai along the way. He spent three years as the opening chef at Jamala Madikwe in North West, and returned to take the helm following a year's absence.


Nico's book *Savannah to Sea*, which won a 2014 Gourmand Award, showcases his fine but unfussy approach, which combines fresh natural flavours in both new and traditional ways. jamalamadikwe.com

served on a private beach in Inhambane, Mozambique, under starlight with the ocean lapping at my feet. **If you could take only five food items with to a desert island, what would they be?** I would have to choose spices. I would take them dried and flavour all the seafood and coconut I'd cook in salty ocean water. Delicious! **What would be on the menu for your last meal?** A piece of crispy-skin confit duck leg with an orange marmalade jus and duck-fat-roasted thyme potatoes. Dare I say topped with a slice of foie gras? Hopefully the cholesterol would kill me before I met my end. **What should every kitchen have?** A mandoline slicer. **What's on your kitchen wish list?** A set of Kai Shun Japanese knives. **Your most used recipe book?** I am currently in love with the *Alinea* cookbook my sister gave me. **Favourite sandwich filling?** Chicken Caesar. **Your ultimate breakfast?** Sliced mango with plain organic double-cream yoghurt drizzled with honey. **Anything you won't eat?** Junk food. **Weirdest thing you've ever eaten?** In Thailand, after a wild night out, I came across a bug cart and had some deep-fried grasshoppers and silkworm larvae, both deliciously toasty and reminiscent of buttery popcorn. **Which wine are you enjoying right now?** I'm hooked on Hamilton Russell Chardonnay. **Food smells you love?** Braaivleis and



'I ONCE HAD SOME DEEP-FRIED GRASSHOPPERS AND SILKWORM LARVAE – DELICIOUSLY TOASTY AND REMINISCENT OF BUTTERY POPCORN.'

What tastes remind you of childhood?



Koeksisters! I had a serious addiction to these growing up – hence my slight case of obesity as a young boy. **What's always in your pantry?** Chocolate of different varieties and with various cacao contents. **What's for supper tonight?** Whole-roasted eland fillet with a thyme and pinotage reduction, and caramelised baby onions. **What and where was your most memorable meal?** A simple, freshly prepared red fish and prawn curry

What's your entertainment style?

Opulent – orchids and crystals. **What do you think will be the next food trend?** I think and hope we will move away from molecular gastronomy and back towards healthy, hearty food cooked classically. **Advice for aspiring chefs?** Get an in-service trainee cook position at an exceptional restaurant and work your way up while studying part-time. Nobody can teach you hands-on cooking experience. □

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CHRISTMAS BEER

Who says you have to drink eggnog at Christmas? Get into the festive spirit with these cool draft Baladin beers from Italian brew master Teo Musso, who uses traditional methods and incorporates unusual cereals and spices. Boldly labelled with names such as Elixir, Esprit de Noël and Open Rock 'n' Roll, they taste as good as they look and sound. R70 for 330ml, R185 for 750ml. fratellifoods.co.za



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what to drink

TEXT MILA CREWE-BROWN, GLYNIS HORNING, AMY-LEIGH PATERSON

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Discerning drinkers can now get their caffeine fix at Flight in downtown Jozi. The brainchild of The Whippet's Divan Botha, the new café caters to busy city dwellers with a love of quality coffee and a passion for their city. Expect a vibey, on-the-go offering but not without a trendy, urban-inspired interior and casual meals with a local slant. **FNB Bank City, corner Simmonds and Jeppe St, Marshalltown, Johannesburg, 011-885-5252**



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killer beer

Poison City Brewing, a Durban brand from Andre Schubert (see page 52) and Graeme Bird, has launched its first lager, The Bird. **031-568-1553, poisoncity.com**



The Dalla Cia Wine and Spirit Company has released its 10-year-old anniversary edition Grappa. Production is limited to 1 000 units, all of which are bottled, labelled and numbered by hand and signed by George Dalla Cia, the third generation master Grappa distiller. This is something for connoisseurs to covet.





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three ways with quail

Pellie Grobler, the head chef of The Black Bamboo in Pretoria, offers recipes with a classy touch for the holidays

RECIPES AND FOOD PRODUCTION **PELLIE GROBLER** PHOTOGRAPHS **GRAEME WYLLIE**



Cured quail breast with pickled turnips,
spicy peanuts and creamy peanut butter

CURED QUAIL BREAST WITH PICKLED TURNIPS, SPICY PEANUTS AND CREAMY PEANUT BUTTER

2T salt
1T brown sugar
1t paprika
a pinch of cardamom seeds
freshly ground black pepper
2 quail breasts
1 bay leaf
1 star anise
100ml water
1 turnip
100ml cream
3t cayenne pepper
1T peanut butter
100g peanuts
1t olive oil
micro herbs, to garnish

Mix the salt, sugar, paprika, cardamom seeds, and a pinch of black pepper. Cover the bottom of a shallow container with one third of the salt mixture. Place the quail breasts skin side up on the salt. Cover the quail with another third of the salt mixture and refrigerate it for 24 hours.

Prepare a pickling liquid by adding the remaining third of the salt mixture, the bay leaf and the star anise to the water. Bring it to the boil, then remove it from the heat to cool. Peel the turnip and slice it thinly into rounds. Place the slices in the pickling liquid once it has cooled.

Whisk the cream until stiff peaks form. Add one teaspoon of cayenne pepper and the peanut butter. Continue to whisk until it forms a smooth consistency. Scoop the cream into a piping bag and keep it in the fridge until you need it.

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Place the peanuts, the remaining cayenne pepper and the olive oil in a bowl and mix to coat the peanuts. Roast them in the oven for 20 minutes. Let them cool and chop them roughly. Remove the quail from the salt mixture and rinse it thoroughly. Slice the breasts in half.

Remove the turnip slices from the pickling liquid, cut one slit from the centre to the edge of each slice, and fold each slice into a cone. Pipe the cream into the centres of the cones.

To serve, place the quail on plates with the cones. Sprinkle the spiced, chopped peanuts on top and garnish with micro herbs. **SERVES 2**



QUAIL ROULADE WITH APPLES, CELERY, CREAM CHEESE, ROASTED ONIONS, FRESH APPLE AND RED-WINE REDUCTION

for the quail roulade

2 Granny Smith apples
1 red onion
1 celery stick
1 quail
1t olive oil
salt and pepper, to taste
1T cream cheese

2 thin slices of prosciutto

for the butternut crisps

sliced raw butternut

for the red-wine reduction

2 button mushrooms, sliced

1 garlic clove, crushed

1 rosemary sprig

1 thyme sprig

2 cups good red wine

1T sugar

micro herbs, to garnish

To prepare the quail roulade, preheat the oven to 170°C. Quarter one apple and the onion and celery. Place them in a roasting tray with the quail, drizzle the olive oil on top, season with salt and pepper and roast for 30 minutes.

Remove the tray from the oven and leave it to cool. Once it has cooled, remove all the meat from the bones and dice it finely

with the apple, onion and celery.

Add the cream cheese and combine to form a loose mixture similar to mince.

Lay a sheet of clingfilm on your work surface and place the two slices of prosciutto on top. Scoop the quail mixture into the middle. Fold over the prosciutto and roll it to form a sausagelike shape. Cover it with the clingfilm and refrigerate it for 20 minutes.

To prepare the butternut crisps, preheat the oven to 180°C. Peel ribbons from the butternut with a julienne peeler, then roast them in the oven until they are crispy.

To prepare the red-wine reduction, sauté the mushrooms, garlic and herbs in small saucepan, then add the red wine and sugar. Bring the liquid to the boil, lower the heat to a gentle simmer and reduce it by half, then strain it.

To serve, place a few fresh slices of the second apple on a plate. Cut the quail roulade at an angle, stack it on the apple, drizzle the red-wine reduction on top and garnish with butternut crisps and micro herbs. **SERVES 1**▷

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PAN SEARED QUAIL BREAST WITH ROASTED-ONION MOUSSE, AUBERGINE PURÉE, AND QUINCE VINAIGRETTE

for the aubergine purée

1 aubergine

olive oil

salt and pepper

for the roasted-onion mousse

1 onion

olive oil

salt

1 egg, separated

100ml cream

for the quail

1 quail

olive oil

1T butter

salt and pepper

2 spring onions, thinly sliced

for the quince vinaigrette

1T quince jam

1T lemon juice

1T olive oil

salt and pepper

edible flowers, to serve

micro herbs, to serve


To prepare the aubergine purée, preheat the oven to 180°C. Cut the aubergine in half lengthways, drizzle olive oil on top, add salt and pepper and roast it in the oven for 30 minutes, then scoop out the flesh and blend it in a blender. Set it aside.

To prepare the roasted-onion mousse, quarter the onion and roast it in the oven at 180°C with some olive oil and salt until it has cooked through. Blend it in a blender until it is smooth. Add the egg yolk and blend until it has been incorporated. Whisk the cream until soft peaks form, then add the roasted-onion purée to the cream and mix. Whisk the egg white until stiff peaks form and fold it through the cream mixture. Pipe it into a half-round mould and leave it to set in the fridge.

To prepare the quail, remove the legs and wing tips so you are only left with the breasts. Heat a little olive oil in a pan and slowly fry the bird on a medium heat. Add the butter, salt and pepper and thinly sliced spring onions. Keep basting the butter over the bird until it has cooked through. Set the crispy spring onions aside, cover the quail with foil and let it rest.

To prepare the quince vinaigrette, whisk the quince jam, lemon juice and olive oil in a mixing bowl. Add salt and pepper to taste.

To serve, smear the aubergine purée on a plate, add the roasted-onion mousse from the mould, cut the quail breast and spread it out on the plate, sprinkle the crispy spring onions on top, drizzle the vinaigrette over the quail and garnish with edible flowers and micro herbs.

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LEISURE THREE WAYS WITH

Quail roulade with apples, celery,
cream cheese, roasted onions,
fresh apple and red-wine reduction
(recipe on page 103)



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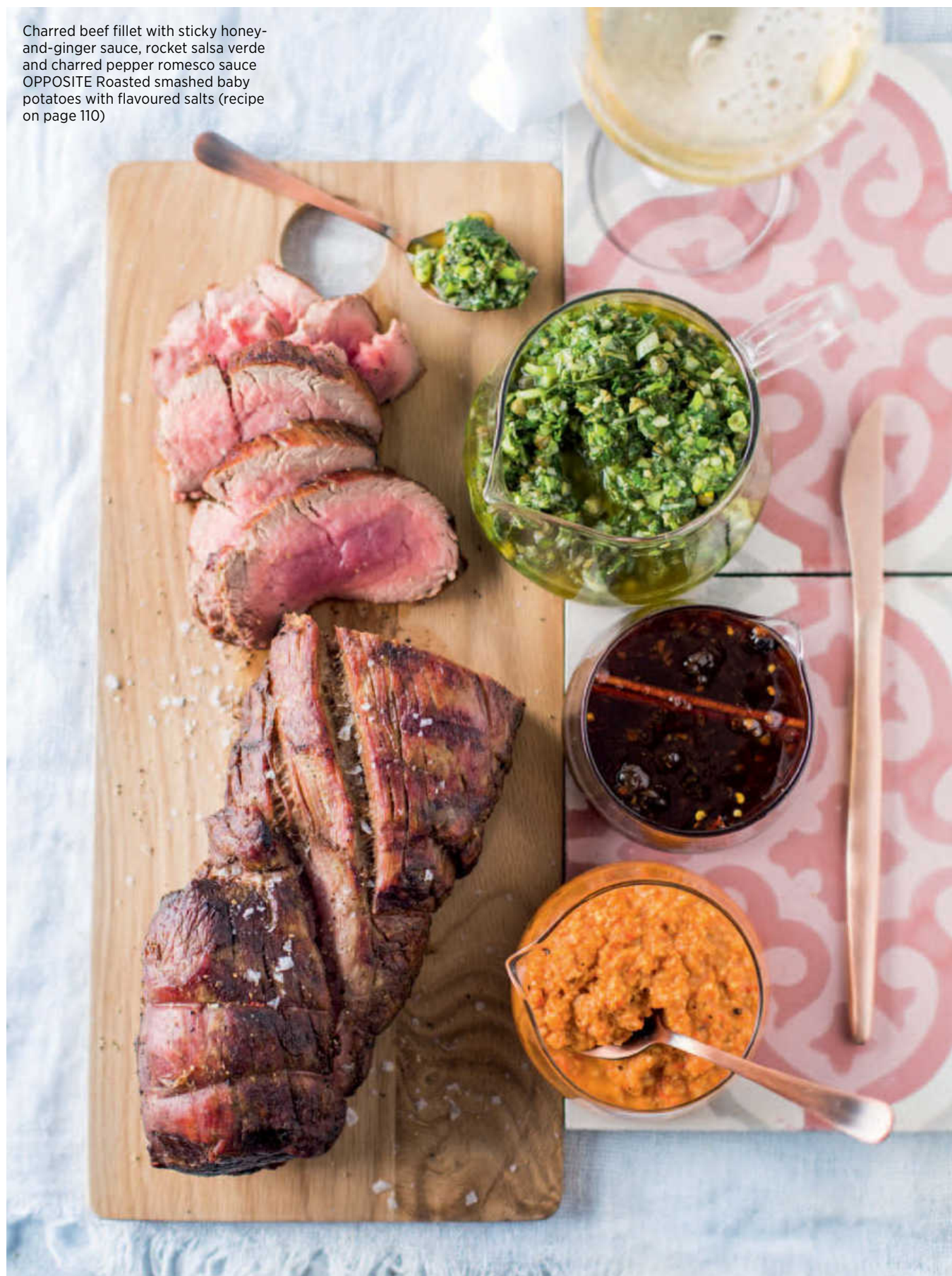
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Feta, pine nut and honey dip and
fennel salmon dip OPPOSITE Crunchy
summer slaw (recipes on page 109)

Charred beef fillet with sticky honey-and-ginger sauce, rocket salsa verde and charred pepper romesco sauce
OPPOSITE Roasted smashed baby potatoes with flavoured salts (recipe on page 110)





CRUNCHY SUMMER SLAW

for the Asian dressing

¼ cup sugar
¼ cup lime juice
¼ cup apple juice
¼t fish sauce, or to taste
1t sesame oil

3cm piece of ginger, grated
2T sesame seeds, toasted

for the classic buttermilk dressing

1 cup buttermilk
¼ cup double-cream yoghurt
¼ cup mayonnaise
2T lemon juice, or to taste
1t mustard

for the salad

2 baby red cabbages, shredded

2 baby green cabbages, shredded
2 green apples, thinly sliced and cut into matchsticks
1 fennel bulb, thinly sliced
1 red onion, thinly sliced
fresh fennel fronds, to serve

Prepare the Asian dressing by placing all the ingredients in a jar and shaking well. Set it aside until you are ready to serve.

Prepare the classic buttermilk dressing by placing all the ingredients in a jar and shaking well. Set it aside until you are ready to serve.

Toss the salad ingredients together, top with fresh fennel fronds, and serve with the two dressings as options or divide the slaw in half and toss each half with one of the dressings. **SERVES 8-10**

FETA, PINE NUT AND HONEY DIP

2 feta rounds
1 cup crème fraîche
½ cup double-cream yoghurt
¼ cup mint leaves
¼ cup dill
1 garlic clove, crushed
juice and zest of 1 lemon
cracked black pepper
honey, to serve
100g pine nuts, toasted, to serve
Melba toast, to serve

Place all the ingredients in a blender and pulse to combine. Spoon the mixture into a bowl and chill until it is needed.

To serve, drizzle honey over the dip, sprinkle pine nuts on top and serve with crisp Melba toast. **MAKES 3 CUPS**

FENNEL SALMON DIP

1 cup cream cheese
1 cup crème fraîche
juice of a lemon
⅓ cup chopped fennel fronds, plus extra for serving
5 spring onions, chopped
200g flaked, oak-smoked salmon pieces
sumac, to serve
Melba toast, to serve

Place all the ingredients, except the salmon, in a blender and pulse until it has just combined.

Mix in the salmon pieces, spoon the dip into a bowl and chill until it is needed.

To serve, sprinkle sumac and fresh fennel fronds on top and enjoy the dip with crisp Melba toast. **MAKES 3 CUPS**

CHARRED BEEF FILLET

1t ground coriander
1t ground cumin
1.5kg to 2kg beef fillet
sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
a selection of sauces (recipes overleaf)
Preheat the oven to 220°C.

Mix the coriander and cumin and rub it all over the beef. Sear the fillet in a pan until it has browned all over, then roast it for 18 minutes (rare) or until it is cooked to your preferred taste.

Let the fillet rest for 10 minutes under foil and then slice it. Serve it seasoned with salt and pepper with the sauces (recipes overleaf) on the side. **SERVES 8-10** ▸

STICKY HONEY-AND-GINGER SAUCE

½ cup soy sauce
¼ cup brown sugar
¼ cup honey
2 star anise
1 cinnamon stick
3cm piece of ginger, grated
1t chilli flakes
4 garlic cloves, crushed
2 spring onions, chopped
1 cup beef stock
fresh lime juice, to taste

Bring all the ingredients to the boil in a saucepan, then reduce the heat and simmer until the liquid has reduced by half. Serve it warm. **MAKES 1-2 CUPS**

ROCKET SALSA VERDE

½ cup chopped rocket
¼ cup chopped parsley
¼ cup chopped basil
½ cup chopped mint
¼ cup chopped capers
5 spring onions, chopped
3 garlic cloves, crushed
zest and juice of 1 lemon
½ cup olive oil or to taste
1T red-wine vinegar or to taste

Mix all the herbs, spring onion, garlic, and lemon zest and juice in a bowl, and balance the flavour with a little olive oil or red-wine vinegar if needed. **MAKES 2 CUPS**

CHARRED PEPPER ROMESCO SAUCE

2 large tomatoes
2 red peppers
¼ cup olive oil
1t chilli flakes or to taste
¼t sweet Spanish paprika
1 sourdough slice, cubed
25g flaked almonds, toasted
2 garlic cloves, chopped
1T red-wine vinegar
1T lemon juice

Preheat the grill to 250°C. Place the tomatoes and peppers on a baking tray and grill them, turning them occasionally, until the skin is charred and blackened.

Place the vegetables in a large bowl, cover them with clingfilm and leave them to cool.

Peel off the skins, deseed the vegetables and chop them roughly.

Heat the oil in a frying pan, add the chilli, paprika and bread cubes and toss to combine. Fry until the bread is crispy.



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Pulse the tomatoes, peppers, bread, almonds and garlic in a food processor. Add a splash of red-wine vinegar and lemon juice as you blend until a coarse, chunky sauce forms.

If you would prefer a thinner consistency add a little cold water. **MAKES 2 CUPS**

ROASTED SMASHED BABY POTATOES WITH FLAVOURED SALTS

for the Asian salt

½ cup Maldon sea salt
2t Chinese five spice powder
for the lemony thyme salt

½ cup Maldon sea salt
zest of 1 lemon

1T chopped thyme

for the potatoes

1.4kg baby potatoes

¼ cup olive oil

flavoured salt

fresh watercress micro herbs, to garnish

Prepare the Asian salt by mixing all the ingredients and storing the salt in an airtight container.

Prepare the lemony thyme salt by mixing all the ingredients and storing the salt in an airtight container. Use it within two days.

To prepare the baby potatoes, preheat the oven to 180°C.

Place the potatoes on a baking tray, drizzle the olive oil on top, and roast them for 15 to 20 minutes, then remove them from the oven and smash them lightly with a rolling pin. Sprinkle your choice of flavoured salt on top, then bake the potatoes for a further 10 to 15 minutes or until they are golden brown and crispy. Serve the potatoes with extra salt and garnished with watercress. **SERVES 8-10**

DECONSTRUCTED TIRAMISU

16 finger biscuits
1 cup hot, black espresso or strong coffee
2T brown sugar
2T rum
1 cup cream
½ cup mascarpone, softened
3T Kahlúa
40g dark chocolate

Break each finger biscuit into three pieces and divide them among eight glasses.

Combine the espresso or coffee, sugar and rum in a bowl and stir until the sugar has dissolved. Pour the liquid over the biscuits in each glass.

Lightly whip the cream, mascarpone and Kahlúa, then spoon this on top of the biscuits. Top with grated chocolate and refrigerate until you are ready to serve.

SERVES 8 ◻

Deconstructed
tiramisu



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LEISURE GARDEN

natural riches

The Lowveld National Botanical Garden is a subtropical gem in the urban heart of Mpumalanga

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GARDEN HIGHLIGHTS

- The self-guided tree walk showcases numerous beautiful indigenous trees.
- Keep an eye out for classics such as the knobbly fig, baobab, russet bushwillow and lowveld cabbage tree.
- If you're looking for something different there is a Braille Trail as well as a medicinal plants section.
- The 1km Riverside Trail is ideal for bird spotting.
- Stock plants can be bought from the garden's nursery – you can find it at Entrance 2 – during the garden's normal opening times.



The Crocodile River cuts through the Cascades Waterfall on the western boundary of Nelspruit's Lowveld National Botanical Garden. OPPOSITE Beds of clivia lead toward the Riverside Trail. OPENING SPREAD A raised walkway takes you through the garden's African rainforest.



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TANDING ON THE ROCKY BANKS OF THE CROCODILE RIVER, YOU'D SWEAR YOU WERE IN THE HEART OF THE BUSHVELD, NOT IN THE FRENETIC HUB OF NELSPRUIT.

Gushing through a rift in the granite rocks, the cascade is almost deafening – a roaring tumult that begins in Dullstroom and ends its journey in Mozambique.

At its peak in the rainy summer season the river is just one aspect that lends this garden its distinctive character. Forming the estate's western boundary, it curves steadily eastward, meeting the Nel River en route in an expansive tranquil pool. It's the stuff that postcards are made of, a quiet glory of sky, rock, water and space.

'Our garden offers a wealth of diverse experiences,' says Sekgabo Kedijang, the

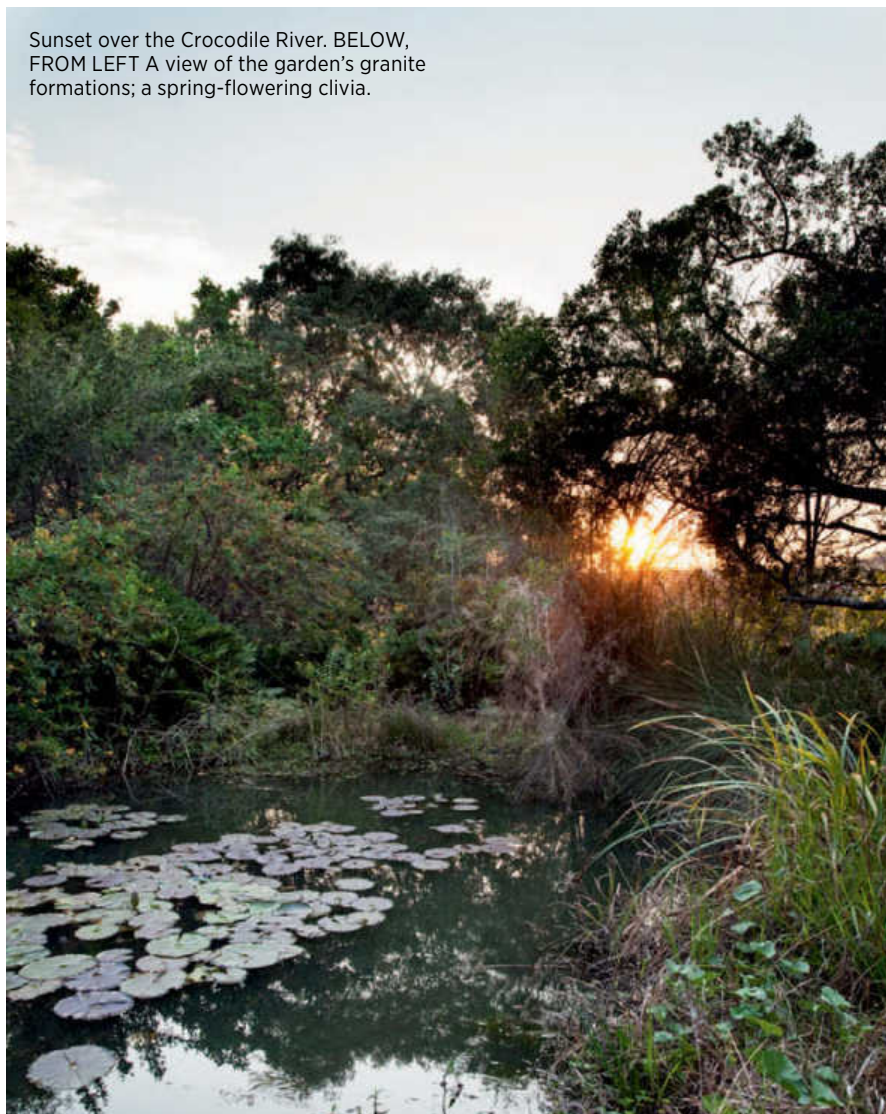
garden's marketing and communications officer. 'Visitors come here for many different reasons but what they all have in common is a need to connect to nature.' Some 75 000 people visit each year, ranging from school trips and wedding parties to serious hikers and birders. It's the latter you'll probably notice first – twitchers of the professional sort kitted out in khaki with eye-wateringly expensive binoculars – and they've come to the right place. From the flamboyant purple-crested turaco to the elusive African finfoot, a staggering 243 bird species have been recorded in the

garden – drawn to the natural savanna, riverine and forest vegetation.

'It's a subtropical locale,' says curator Taki Mamatsharaga, 'and everything we plant grows in the area.' Recognised as a conservation hub for rare and endangered plants, the garden is home to almost all of South Africa's indigenous cycad species. 'One of the garden's specialities is the creation of a secure cycad seed bank and we're also involved in propagating other critically endangered plants such as the wild yam and pepper-bark tree. These are slow growing with a very specific lowveld habitat, and they're under serious threat from over collection and mining.'

Taki says that in the past the garden's focus was predominantly on plants. 'Of course biodiversity is critical so now we look at entire ecosystems; we pay attention to things that allow the plants to flourish – from bees and butterflies to birds and trees. Our environmental education programme is highly active and a guided▷

Sunset over the Crocodile River. BELOW, FROM LEFT A view of the garden's granite formations; a spring-flowering clivia.



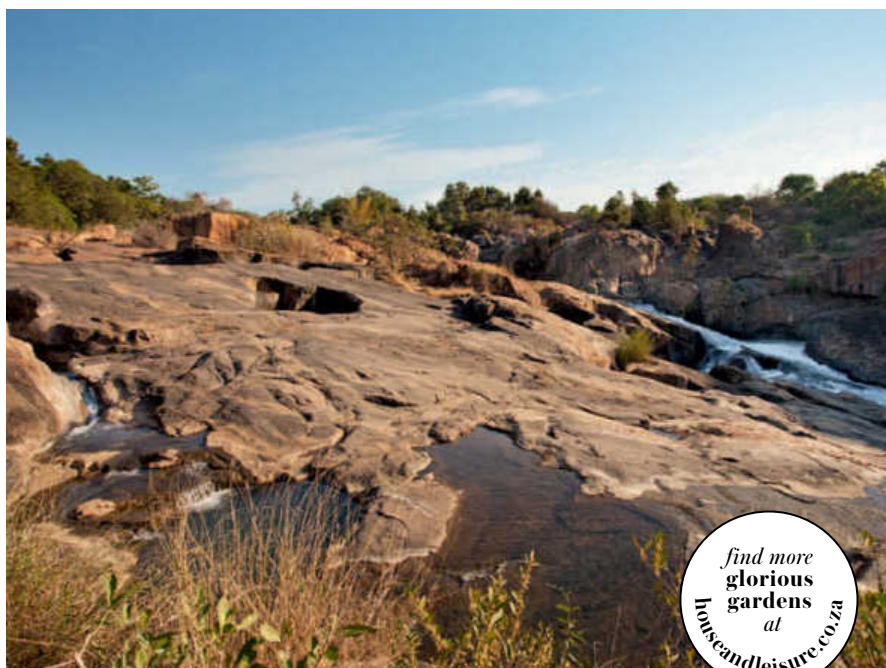
visit to the garden is encouraged for all schools in the Ehlanzeni district.'

Whether you're part of a school group or simply a bush lover heading for Kruger, this verdant spot is a delight. In early spring masses of clivias line the pathway leading towards the Cascades Waterfall. From now until March all is super green and the African rainforest in particular offers a cooling, misty respite from the heat. This shady route along a raised timber walkway leads you down towards the Crocodile River and timeless lowveld views. 'The rainforest was established in the 1980s when a team planted subtropical trees from as far afield as Ghana and Cameroon,' says Taki. 'The resulting canopy has created the ideal conditions for forest-floor and riverine vegetation.'

Trees of all kinds form an integral part of the garden and it's home to one of the biggest collections of South African fig trees in the country. Add to that a host of mammals, such as vervet monkeys, dwarf mongooses and a pod of hippos that emerge after dark, and you've got a slice of lowveld heaven.

Most recently a labyrinth was added to the garden – a place where people can collect their thoughts in the midst of a busy working week. As the urban sprawl intensifies this unspoilt corner of Nelspruit is becoming ever more valuable. 'It's a space for everyone and for everything in nature,' says Taki. 'The garden has endless potential and so much to teach us. We just need to take the time to appreciate it.' □

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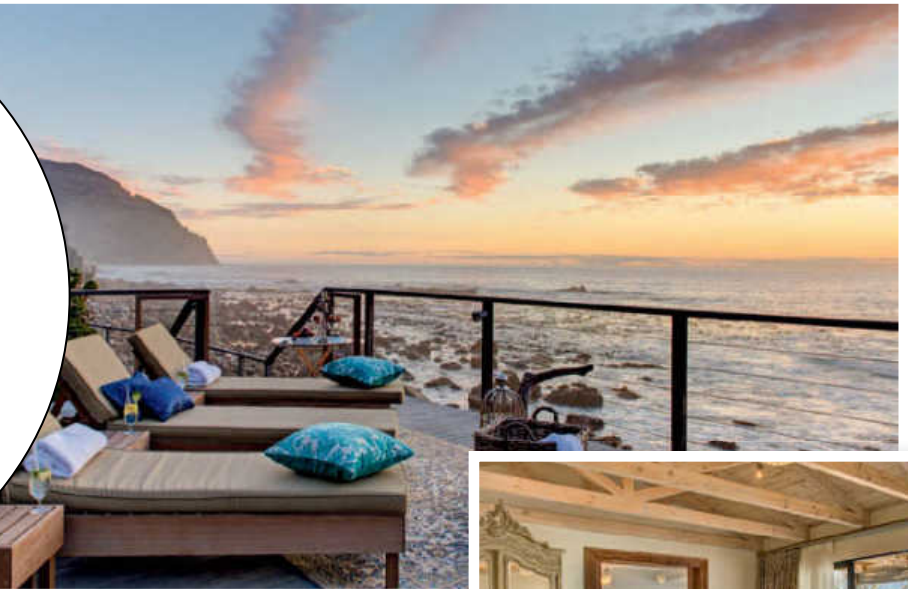
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africa's eden

High up on 'the best site in Africa', safari icons Nicky and Steve Fitzgerald are on their way to raising the bar in lodge experience – once again

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A hot-air balloon rises above the plains on an early-morning safari.

LEISURE TRAVEL

Nicky Fitzgerald's days at Angama Mara in Kenya's beautiful Masai Mara begin long before dawn.

Roused from her bed by the calls of hyena returning from a night's hunting on the vast plains of the Mara Triangle far below her tent, she wouldn't be exaggerating if she said that she wakes in paradise.

Sunrise at Angama Mara, with its panoramic bateleur eagle's-eye view of those plains as the sun appears over the horizon and the hot-air balloons from nearby Governors' Camp float past below, is so breathtaking it has been known to bring tears to visitors' eyes.

If Nicky ever indulges in the luxury of a gentle start, allowing herself a moment to drink in the view as she sips her morning coffee, it will probably be the last leisurely moment of her day. She is an extremely busy woman. In 2009 she and her husband Steve, icons of the local and international tourism business, left andBeyond, the luxury safari and travel company they had built into a global powerhouse of 50 lodges on two continents. 'I was enjoying myself in my garden in Johannesburg, realising that I was very good at doing nothing,' she says, but then everything changed.

In 2013 the 'best site in Africa', Ol Kurruk – a parcel of land high up on the Olololo Escarpment that she and Steve had coveted for over 20 years from the grounds of andBeyond Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp down on the plains below – had, after many years of neglect and ruin, become available.

A less 'bonkers' (her word) pair might think it folly to disrupt a comfortable retirement to relocate to East Africa and build an upmarket lodge and a brand new business from scratch 'but who wants "same old"?' asks Nicky. Instead of staying safely put the couple set about not only creating the kind of luxurious safari experience that international high-end travellers demand but, with the help of renowned South African architects Silvio Rech and Lesley Carstens – the creators of the game changing North Island in the Seychelles and Ngorongoro Crater Lodge in Tanzania – making a beautiful, original, bonkers architectural folly of their own.

The quirky buildings of Angama Mara (the name means 'suspended in midair') are almost as jaw-dropping as the view. Appearing to float in lily ponds, the glamorous brick, steel and glass communal areas of the two separate camps (North and South, for intimacy) owe nothing to the predictable bush green canvas and wood of the traditional safari lodge▷



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP South Lodge at Angama Mara; details of a screen by John Vogel in one of the tents; a bird ornament is evidence of passionate attention to detail; the beds are also by John Vogel; a tiny replica of the yellow plane that Robert Redford, as Denys Finch Hatton, flew in *Out of Africa*.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT The view from the rooms on the Oloololo Escarpment over the plains below; the Mara Triangle is renowned for incredible animal sightings; a detail of Maasai jewellery; the spot where Meryl Streep and Robert Redford posed for the *Out of Africa* poster; the two lounge areas in each lodge are identical; a leopard enjoys the view of the plains from its elevated tree-top perch.



formula. Instead, they remind of one of the Zimbabwean ruins or the iconic mud buildings of Mali.

The view is celebrated in every possible way – through a sliver, anchored by crisp turquoise pool water, in the pavilion that houses the gym and pool; as a mind-blowing fourth wall of guests' tents, where even honeymooning couples are discouraged from sleeping with the blinds drawn, all the better to experience the glorious early mornings. The view forms the magic carpet far below the strategically placed rocking chairs and recliners and the fireplace around which Angama Mara's lucky guests gather at the end of the day. The view is also the backdrop to every guest's must-have Instagram or Facebook money shot: a re-enactment of the poster of that most beloved of all films about the continent, Sydney Pollack's *Out of Africa*. So uniquely gorgeous and unchanged is this site that even though it's nowhere near the Ngong Hills (where the original Karen Blixen/Isak Dinesen story was set) the movie was filmed here all those years ago.

Angama Mara's decor, which was conceptualised by the highly respected South African decor stylist and editor Annemarie Meintjes, adheres to a strict commitment to 'strip back the clutter' but is still luxurious and more than a match for its surroundings. Baths inspired by Spanish design legend Patricia Urquiola

and recliners, beds and jubilantly multicoloured benches made by South African master John Vogel make bold design statements. The hardcover versions of *Out of Africa* in every tented suite and miniature canary yellow replicas of the small plane that Robert Redford flew in the movie in the camps' identical libraries are testament to Meintjes' and the Fitzgeralds' fastidious and passionate attention to detail and their abiding commitment to their guests' experience – and what an experience guests are guaranteed at Angama Mara.

Normally, and even at the most high-end of lodges, a game drive is a three hour excursion, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. At Angama Mara guests can customise their own experience, packing a picnic for breakfast and lunch, if desired, to follow the herds, the hunts and the crossings across the vast and beautiful park. Trips of up to nine hours are not unheard of as guests explore one of the world's most dramatic wildlife theatres. Because Angama Mara is located in the more exclusive Mara Triangle area of the reserve the game viewing is significantly superior to the somewhat cluttered offerings elsewhere.

The bucket-list experience of floating over the teeming plains in a hot-air balloon is one that is not easily replicated, as is the privilege of a private walking bird safari

with Angama Mara's own charismatic and knowledgeable Maasai naturalist.

To visit during the annual migration (July to October) is to have a front-row seat at one of the world's greatest natural spectacles: seeing herds of around 100 000 wildebeest traversing the plain and heart stopping daily crossings by zebra and wildebeest of the treacherous Mara River into the jaws of torpedo crocodiles and opportunistic cats on the other side can spoil a guest for any other wildlife experience. During the remainder of the year the visual feast continues: more animals, more adventure, more beauty than even the pickiest of privileged guests could imagine. There's also that wonderful camp at the end of the winding mountain road, behind a traffic jam of dawdling elephants, to return to each evening.

Angama Mara is on its way to setting a new standard in safari experiences. 'It's place where people can fall in love with the world again; a simple sort of place,' says Nicky. When asked what motivates her to continue to work as hard, as long and as energetically as she does, she answers, 'I'm hopelessly addicted to guests. I just can't help myself.' Steve adds, 'We're too young not to work flat out': two more reasons their guests can count themselves among the luckiest on the planet. ☐ **Angama Mara, angama.com; Governors' Camp [hot-air-balloon safaris, governorscamp.com](http://governorscamp.com)**



The view from the deck has been known to bring tears to travellers' eyes. OPPOSITE An Angama Mara vehicle sets off on one of its safaris.



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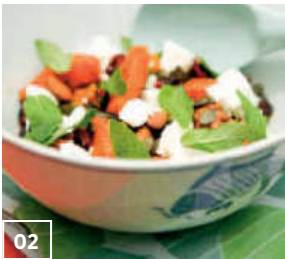
GLASSWARE 101

The oenophiles are right: glassware matters but that doesn't mean that you can't find a design that's chic *and* does all the aerating your wine needs. When dithering between classic stemmed and casual-cool stemless, let the event dictate the glass. Stemless O-Riedel glasses (R330 for two) from

Riedel are perfect for a pool party and Le Creuset's new range (R720 for four white-wine glasses) is a chic partner for a sophisticated luncheon. lecreuset.co.za, riedel.co.za

4. PAIR LIKE A PRO...

As sommelier at Azure Restaurant at Cape Town's The Twelve Apostles Hotel and Spa for the past four years, Gregory Mutambe knows a thing or two about wine and food. We asked him to pair three lunch-time favourites with three wines.



1. All American beefburger + **Spice Route Chakalaka 2012 (R150)**



2. Roast pumpkin, lentil and feta salad + **Bouchard Finlayson Blanc de Mer 2014 (R88)**



3. Baked fish in sherry, dill and orange juice + **Bosman Fides 2014 (R150)**

**No. 5****P**

PUT SOME ICE IN IT...

When the mercury's high, so is the likelihood that your perfectly chilled glass of white will rapidly become tepid. This is the one time we'd advise dropping in an ice cube. A caveat: keep it to one, two at the most – you want to cool it down, not water it down.

6**VISIT THE SMALL PRODUCERS**

When not soaking up the sun on a crowded beach at Clifton or Camps Bay chances are visitors to Cape Town will be tasting wine at a hot spot Stellenbosch or Constantia winery. Steer clear of the madding crowd by heading for one of Elgin's hidden gems. This summer you'll find us at the likes of the family owned Belfield, which specialises in red varietals (who says you can't drink red in summer? See Rule No. 7), and Oneiric picnicking away an entire afternoon.

**7. YES, YOU CAN DRINK RED IN SUMMER**

'Nothing cools you off on a hot day like a deep and dusty Cabernet Sauvignon,' said no-one ever. Even the most devoted red-wine fan would struggle to down a glass when it's 35 degrees. If you are unwilling to stray from the reds find one that's light enough to be slightly chilled and delicate enough to be easy-going such as a lively Chianti from Woolies (we're drinking Renzo Masi Chianti, R89,95).

8. SPRITZ UP YOUR SUMMER GET-TOGETHER

LONG, LAZY LUNCHES AND LAID-BACK BRAAIS ARE PART AND PARCEL OF SUMMER, AND THE BEST HOSTS COME ARMED WITH A REFRESHING DRINK THAT'S EASY TO MAKE, EASY ON THE BUDGET AND EASY TO SIP, SUCH AS THIS TAKE ON THE CLASSIC ITALIAN SPRITZ...



POUR A BOTTLE OF SOLMS DELTA ROSÉ (R55), 60ML APEROL AND 2 CUPS OF SODA WATER IN A LARGE JUG, ADD ORANGE ZEST AND INVITE GUESTS TO HELP THEMSELVES. ▷

No. 8

THE NEW CLASSICS

Introducing our pick of the young wines that are legends in the making

PORSELEINBERG SYRAH 2013 (R500)

How do you make a great organic wine? Just ask Callie Louw, who's been working hard on Porseleinberg in the Swartland crafting remarkable wines that are gentle on the earth and easy on the taste buds. His Syrah is rich, peppery and rugged with structure and strength, thanks to its tannins. You can drink it now but it will taste even better next summer if allowed to mature.

HAARLEM TO HOPE 2014 (R185)

The four per cent of Muscat d'Alexandrie (Hanepoot) in this blend unexpectedly shines through the Chenin and Sémillon that make up the remaining 96 per cent in the bottle. That's not to say that it is overpowering. The pear and peach flavours are well balanced by acid and ginger. If you're into robust, complex white blends, this is a wine for you.



MULLINEUX SCHIST SYRAH 2013 (R725)

Everyone's excited about Mullineux Family Wines, which, in the short space of seven years, was named the 2014 Winery of the Year by *Platter's Wine Guide*.

Its Schist Syrah has a fragrant lavender nose and deep purple berries that fill the mouth and leave a spicy, peppery trail in their wake.

**ALHEIT VINEYARDS
CARTOLOGY 2014 (R250)**

Chris and Suzie Alheit have called the 2014 vintage of this blend their favourite yet and it's easy to see why. It's as fresh and vivacious as ever with a bold 89 per cent Chenin that cuts through the punchy peach and silky honey of the Sémillon. This husband-and-wife team may be new on the scene but, in drawing on the history of wine in South Africa and the unique terroir of the Swartland, they have come up with a winning formula for making an excellent white blend.

MISS LUCY 2015 (R82)

Robertson's Bruwer family made a classic wine out of its Life From Stone Sauvignon Blanc, and the latest offering, created and perfected over 12 years, is a superb blend that does Springfield Estate's prestigious history proud.

It's best enjoyed with fish (the label is a dead giveaway), which really lets the wine's tang, compliments of the 41 per cent Sauv Blanc, shine. Miss Lucy is gentle and smooth but by no means forgettable and will charm you for a long time to come.

**CRYSTALLUM
PETER MAX PINOT NOIR 2014 (R205)**
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MAX PINOT NOIR 2014 (R205)**

Fresh strawberries take centre stage in Andrew and Peter-Allan Finlayson's elegant Pinot Noir. Ripe fruit and floral touches lead the way and are followed by lively spices that result in a savoury profile that's as good as that of its predecessors. It's a masterful wine but, then again, making award winning wines is something the brothers have down to a fine art at Crystallum in Walker Bay. ▷

ELEGANT PARTNERS

The brilliant Moët & Chandon has found a sparkling companion in Giorgio Nava's celebrated Italian restaurant 95 Keerom. At this Cape Town institution you can indulge in a carefully conceptualised four-course menu until the end of this month: think fresh tuna sashimi, and salmon and crayfish linguine with a cherry tomato sauce to complement the bright fruitiness and enticing palate of Moët & Chandon Impérial. R1 055 per person. 95keerom.com

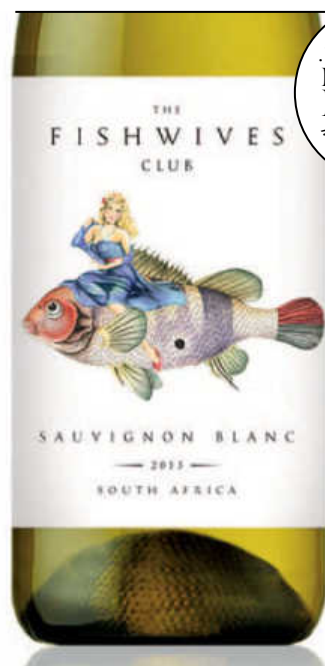


KICK BACK WITH YOUR PRIMETIME SPIRIT ANIMAL

Who hasn't been Olivia Pope at the end of the day, curled up on the couch and cradling a bauble of red? There is a host of empowered women on TV who, just like us, manage all of life's biggest problems in just a day with the help of a little vino so we'll join *The Fixer's* Olivia with a glass of full-bodied red and a side of White House drama. It's also okay to be just like *Cougar Town's* Jules Cobb who, when life gets real, takes big gulps from a votive turned wine glass called Big Lou. Even *Game of Thrones' Cersei Lannister* plots best when holding a goblet of King's Landing's finest.



IN THE NEWS



CATCH OF THE DAY

It's unusual for a wine to take its cue from the label design but that's just what happened with the cheeky The Fishwives Club Sauvignon Blanc 2013 (from R75), which is made and bottled at Buitenverwachting. The crisp and fruity Sauvignon Blanc goes down easy with salmon cakes and salad at lunch.

WALK THE WINE

Somerset West's Waterkloof is a leader in ecofriendly wine production that puts conscious living at the heart of its business. To experience it all first-hand book a Circle of Life biodynamic walk (R100 per person) with its impassioned 'green guru' Christiaan Loots. waterkloofwines.co.za



TWISTS AHEAD

CORK PRODUCER AMORIM AND GLASS MANUFACTURER O-I HAVE PARTNERED TO CREATE HELIX, A TWIST-OFF, TWIST-ON CORK CAP. LOCAL WINE PRODUCERS ARE JUMPING ON BOARD TO USE THIS INNOVATIVE, SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY AND YOU CAN TRY IT OUT WHEN BUYING THE 2014 VINTAGE OF KRONE CHARDONNAY PINOT NOIR (R59,99). □



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The Le Creuset wine decanting fountain device provides a rapid and complete aeration system that looks dramatic and is a great talking point during meals.



Le Creuset's Silicone Glass Markers offer the perfect way to keep tabs on your glass amid the chaos of a party.

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Le Creuset's range of elegant wine glasses will add an extra touch of class when entertaining. They feature a sleek design and are made of durable crystal glass. INSET ABOVE LEFT Le Creuset offers a wide range of accessories, including corkscrews and bottle openers.

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READ MORE ABOUT LG
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1. Smeg Stand Mixer in Cream (SMF01CRSA) R6 999, Yuppiechef.com, with Pasta Roller & Cutter Set (SMPC01) R2 499, Smeg. **2.** De'Longhi Icona Vintage four slice toaster in Red R1 399, @home **3.** Dyson DC33CAL cylinder allergy vacuum cleaner R7 280, Hirsch's **4.** Coolline CEJ-011 Door Pub Fridge R10 500, Euro Appliances **5.** Defy Combi C386 Eco WD 1 fridge (DAC 536) R6 299, Makro **6.** LG F14A8RD5 (9kg washer and 6kg dryer) R8 880, Hirsch's **7.** Breville The All in One (BSB530) R2 899, @home **8.** Saeco Exprelia Evo super-automatic espresso machine (HD8855/01) R14 680, Hirsch's **9.** Viking 30" Electric Double French-Door Oven (VD0F730SS) in Stainless Steel from the Viking Professional 7 Series R160 279, Euro Appliances.



HOUSEKEEPING HOVERCRAFT

A swarm of mini flying robots could be the future of automated cleaning if Colombian designer Adrián Pérez Zapata's concept, an Electrolux Design Lab competition winner, is anything to go by. The Mab automated cleaning system is a concept that features hundreds of micro robots that will hover around the house, swooping in to clean every nook and cranny. Each robot generates its own energy thanks to solar panels on its wings. After cleaning your home the micro cleaners fly back to the main machine, a central hub that handles multiple tasks such as providing all robots with information. bit.ly/1MmeT4z



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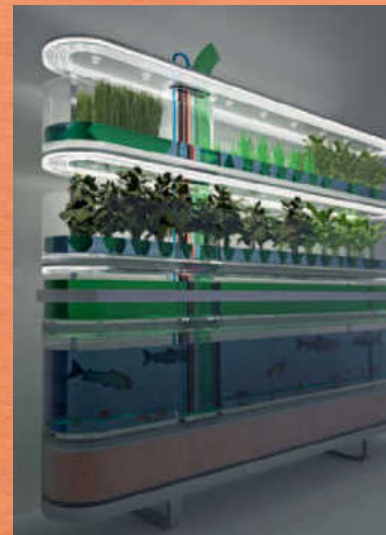
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1. Russell Hobbs Vivaçe Capsule Coffee Maker (RHCM50) R1 780, Hirsch's 2. Philips PerfectCare Viva Steam Generator Iron (GC7035) R2 200, Hirsch's 3. Defy 900C Premium Cookerhood (CHW 9217 CGS) R2 999, Makro 4. Breville Smart Kettle (BKE820) R1 999, @home 5. LG GR-J268LSJV fridge R34 180, Hirsch's 6. Miele Scout RX1 Robot Vacuum Cleaner R9 999, Yuppiechef.com 7. LG SolarDom MA3882QS Lightwave Oven R5 499, Makro 8. Jura Impressa Z9 automatic coffee maker in Chrome R30 894, Euro Appliances 9. Black & Decker Dustbuster Pivot 18V R1 200, DionWired.▷



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dozen hexagonal-
shaped storage
spaces set into a
living-room wall,
adjacent to the ovens
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1. Bosch Filtrino FastCup hot water dispenser R1 299, Euro Appliances 2. Gaggenau full surface induction cooktop (CX 480) R70 000, Euro Appliances 3. Whirlpool Fully Integrated Dishwasher (ADG 8793) R7 799, Metro Home Centre Menlyn 4. KitchenAid 5KHB3583 Artisan Cordless Hand Blender in Candy Apple Red (5KHB3583ER) R4 490, DionWired 5. Philips Saeco Expreslia EVO espresso machine R14 304, Italian Lifestyle 6. Gaggenau Vario cooling 400 series modular appliances (pictured: RW 464 301 wine climate cabinet R99 000, RF 463 300 freezer R110 000 with RA 422 110 installation door panel R7 500, and RC 472 301 refrigerator R116 000 with RA 421 610 installation door panel R11 200), Euro Appliances 7. Miele CVA 6805 built-in coffee machine in Brilliant White R49 999, Euro Appliances 8. Morphy Richards Food Fusion Kitchen Machine - 5.5L (409855SA) R8 000, Creative Housewares 9. Miele H6267BP oven from the Generation 6000 Culinart range R24 999, Miele.



PRINT ON DEMAND

Couch bound culinarians take note: soon you'll be able to press the 'Print' button on your own 3-D food printer to create the perfect margarita pizza. Spanish product design hub Natural Machines has created the microwave-oven-sized Foodini, which can create and print both sweet and savoury food products, layer by layer. A unique characteristic is that you can use ingredients of your choice instead of the unpalatable prefilled capsules other less advanced food printers use. Foodini can be connected to the internet so you can operate the device remotely. naturalmachines.com



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1. KitchenAid 5KSM150PS 4.8 L Artisan Tilt-Head Stand Mixer in Pink (5KSM150PSPK) R7 990, Yuppiechef.com 2. Pylones Toaster in Arlequin R1 500, Pylones at Happy Gifts 3. Philips Kettle HD9322/50 1.7 litre in Champagne Metal R590, Hirsch's 4. NutriBullet 600 in Electric Blue R1 849, Yuppiechef.com 5. Steel Ascot freestanding cooker and extractor in Ametista R146 000 (matching Le Creuset Mate à Croquer collection of pots not included), Euro Appliances 6. Ankarsrum Original Mixer (AKM 6220) in Pearl Orange R9 999, Culinary Equipment Company 7. Smeg FAB30RVE1/FAB30LVE1 double door refrigerator/freezer in Lime Green R25 999, Euro Appliances 8. AGA 3-Oven Total Control in Aqua from R173 000, AGA.▷

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WASTE NOT, WANT NOT

A self-sustainable kitchen ecosystem that runs on household waste might sound like something from a sci-fi movie but the Philips Microbial Home Probe design prototype does just that. The kitchen's 'bio-digester' is used to convert food scraps into an energy source to power the kitchen; the lighting fixtures are powered by bacteria. It challenges the conventional ideas we have on kitchens and gives us a new perspective on biofriendly living. design.philips.com

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1. Defy 5 Burner Red Gas Electric Stove with multifunction oven (DGS162R) R11 999, Makro 2. Whirlpool Dishwasher ADP 100 IX R4 999, Masons 3. LG D1444LF dishwasher R7 999, Metro Home Centre Menlyn 4. Handpresso Pump Set outdoor espresso kit comprising Handpresso Pump, four cups, single-hand Thermos flask and carry bag R2 799, iwarehouse.co.za 5. Bosch KGN36XI32 320 litre fridge-freezer R7 299, Makro 6. Stadler Form Albert dehumidifier R8 000, DionWired 7. Siemens iQ300 7kg washing machine (WM10K200ME) R7 899, Hirsch's 8. Samsung WD17H7300KP Combo with Eco Bubble 17kg combination washing machine and tumble dryer R17 110, Hirsch's 9. Bosch ActiveWater compact dishwasher (SKS51E22EU) R6 799, Euro Appliances. □

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TRENDING NOW

As seen at the Decorex stand earlier this year, blu_line – 'specialist kitchen architects' – has launched new materials, including concrete, brushed granite and etched aluminium. Following an ethos of modern design with local manufacture, the focus at blu_line is to create a stylish aesthetic for a functional space. blu-line.co.za

Kitchen

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FOR THE COOKIE MONSTERS

An ideal gift for youngsters who love to help when you're busy in the kitchen, the Skinny laMinx Kids Apron (R185), pictured here in a simple stripe design, is fun and practical. skinnylaminx.com

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VINTAGE CHARM

The Antique Plastique 24-piece cutlery set (R129) by Nicolson Russell is perfect for a party or fuss-free entertaining outside. nicolsonrussell.com



Introduce a splash of yellow with this two canister set designed by Mark Tuckey, R299. cottonon.co.za



IN A JAM

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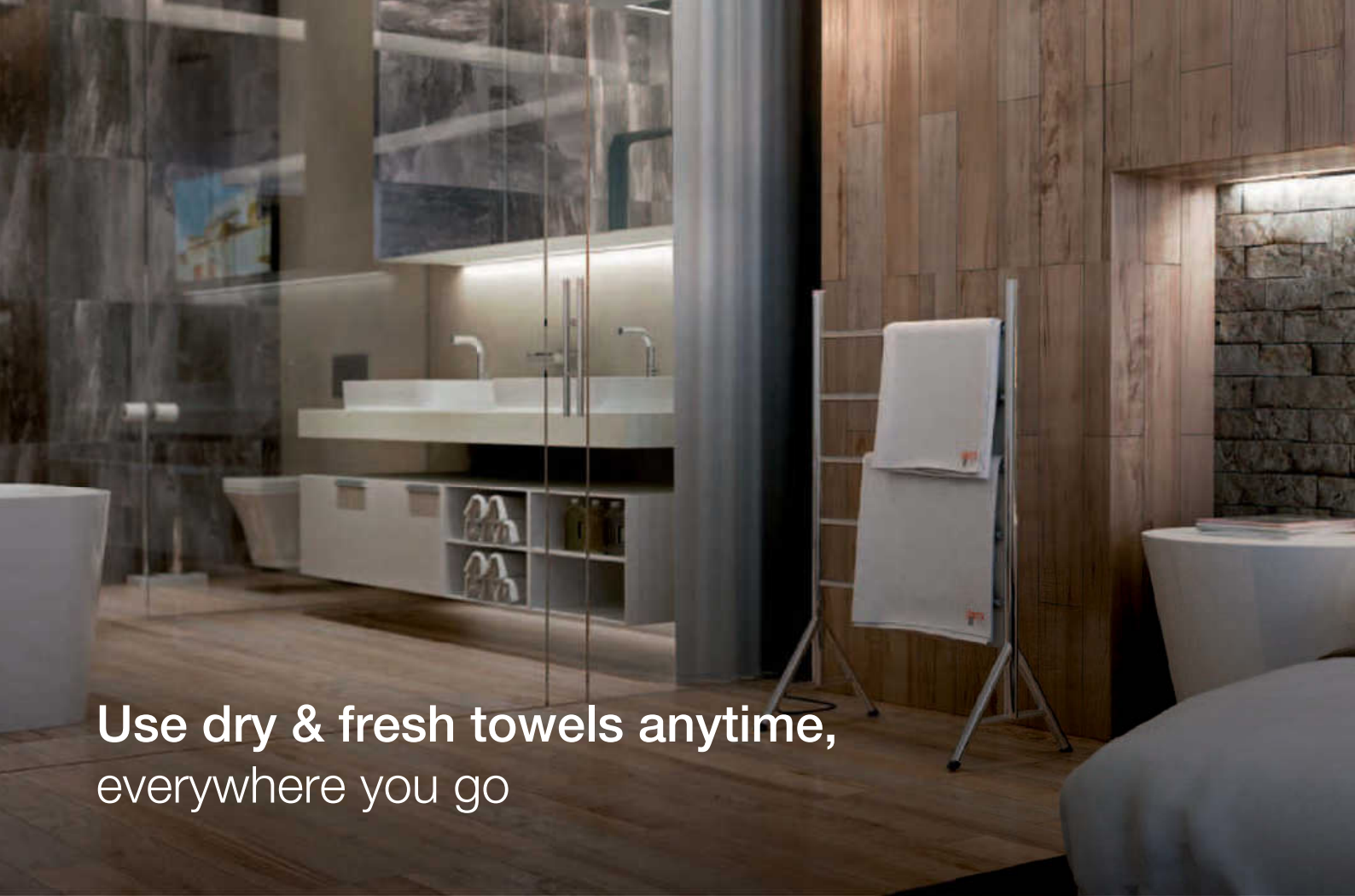
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CUSHION APPEAL

Hertex's new range of ready-made scatter cushions (R250 each) is available in a variety of colourful designs from graphic patterns to elegant stripes, watercolour prints and fun florals. The cushions are 60×60cm and come with quality feather inners. hertex.co.za



BRIGHT EYES

Touchee Feelee's Eye Pillows (pictured here is the Sleeping Monster print, R275) are filled with pure lavender oils and hypoallergenic organic buckwheat that combats puffiness, soothes tired eyes and relieves sinus pains and headaches. The pillows can be heated in the microwave or cooled in the freezer before use. toucheefeelee.co.za



sleep & bath

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ZOOM IN

Groom in style – and without missing a hair – with this wall-mounted polished chrome reversible Magnifying Mirror (8030, R912) from Handles Inc. handlesinc.co.za

This freestanding chrome-plated towel holder from Hansgrohe's Axor Massaud collection (R18 050 from Bathroom Bizarre) is a sculptural take on a towel rail. bathroom.co.za



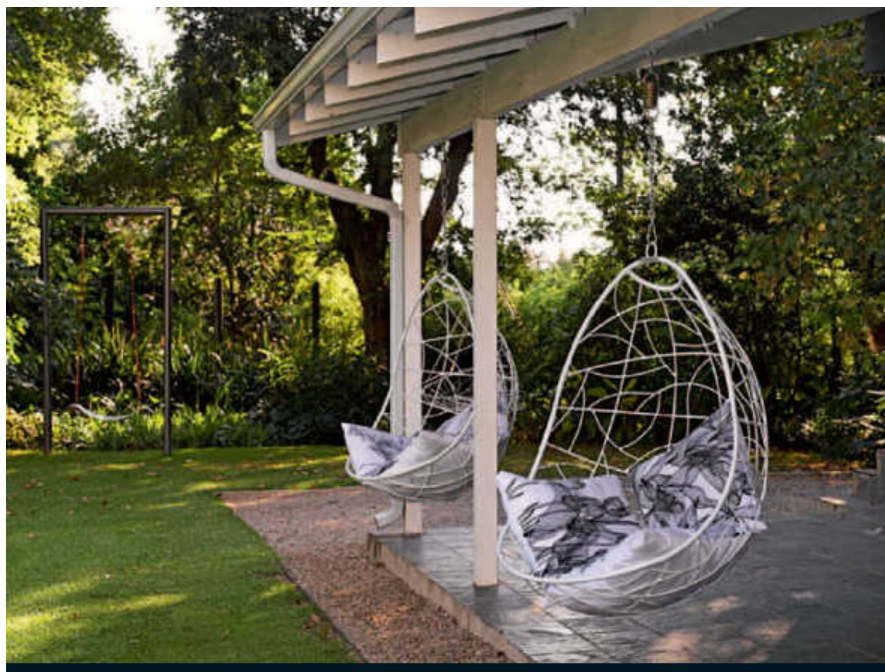
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A TOUCH OF GLASS

The Glass Garden range of succulents and planters by Arkivio in Durban features designs such as the Tall Curve (R400, pictured). You can learn more about Arkivio's Lance Surgeson and Paul Rabinowitz in *HL*'s online roundup of *HL* Rising Stars 2015. arkivio.co.za



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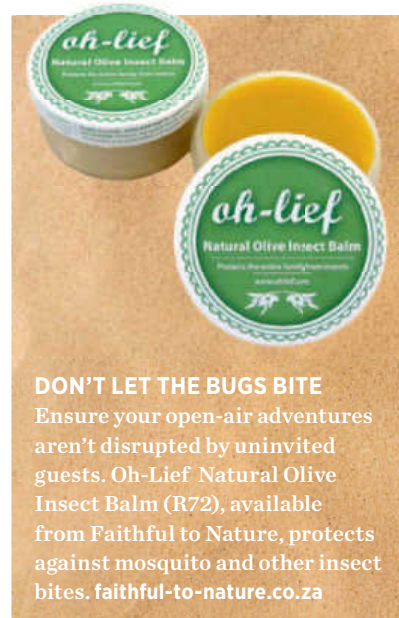
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Studio Stirling's Nest Egg hanging chair (R8 450), made of mild steel with a rustproof coating, offers the comfort of a cushy sofa outside. studiostirling.com



EAT OUT

This colourful Outdoor Picnic Set 20 Piece (R225) from Woolworths is made from durable polypropylene and will brighten any picnic table. Each set contains four plates, bowls, tumblers, forks and spoons. woolworths.co.za



DON'T LET THE BUGS BITE

Ensure your open-air adventures aren't disrupted by uninvited guests. Oh-Lief Natural Olive Insect Balm (R72), available from Faithful to Nature, protects against mosquito and other insect bites. faithful-to-nature.co.za

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Q&A Ilesego Gaegane,

the account manager for the Private Sector Energy Efficiency programme and a member of Females in Energy Efficiency (FEE).

Tell us about the FEE programme. Females in Energy Efficiency provides a network that can assist women in the energy-efficiency sector with career development and mentorship – especially inspiring young women to pursue technical education and careers in the field – and it's a forum for women to promote policy in the energy industry. **How does FEE mentor women?** The programme focuses on providing valuable opportunities for mutual learning. It supports women who would like to find a mentor to help them expand their professional development. The programme also provides a sounding board for women to share the concerns they have or get a second opinion. **How important is energy efficiency in South Africa as a whole?** With the current energy challenge we are experiencing it has become imperative that we all participate in decreasing demand on the grid, be it in residential, commercial or industrial areas. Energy efficiency reduces energy consumption and costs; lowers carbon emissions; increases operational reliability of equipment in companies through preventative and routine maintenance and improved process operations; improves companies' competitiveness (especially those that are exporting); and contributes to energy security. All of these factors are important for South Africa's economic growth. sae.org.za; psee.org.za

Swap game for grapes with an Eco Wine Safari at Avondale outside Paarl: you'll learn about the organic wine estate's biodynamic farming practices – and then you'll get to taste the results. avondalewine.co.za

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green living

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ALL DOLLED UP

Woolworths has just introduced the country's first and only ecologically friendly mannequins at a new stand-alone store for its RE: Denim brand in Menlyn, Pretoria. The mannequins are made from sustainable sources using more recyclable and biodegradable material than usual, and their production entails reduced CO₂ emissions. woolworths.co.za

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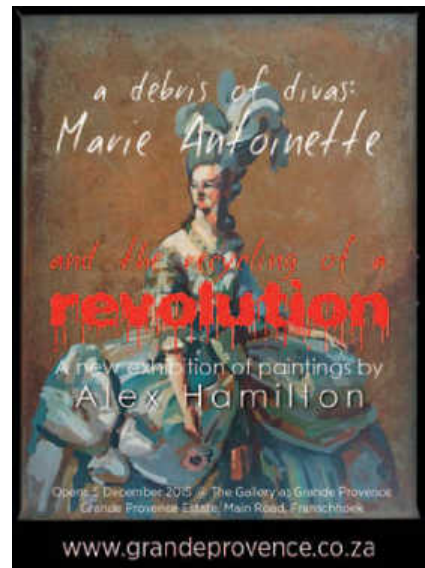
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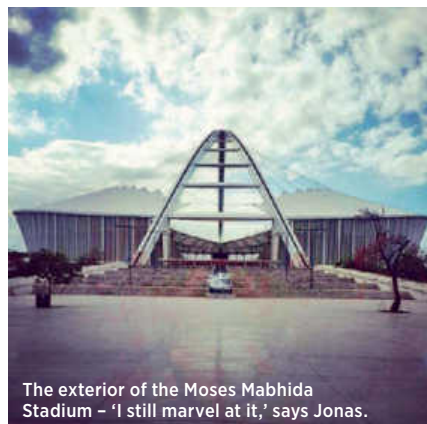


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A sunset sail gives a spectacular view of Durban.



A caffeine fix at Love Coffee in Morningside is a must.



The exterior of the Moses Mabhida Stadium – 'I still marvel at it,' says Jonas.



Indigo Skate Camp in the Valley of a Thousand Hills. LEFT Jonas Barusse.



Favourite watering hole Unity offers the largest selection of craft beers in Durban.

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As a partner in tour and events organiser Street Scene, Jonas Barusse has a handle on Durban's best weekend spots

TEXT AND INSTAGRAMS **JONAS BARUSSE**

On Friday I lock up the office and head down to the docks. If ever you get a chance for a sunset sail, grab it! Durban is something else from the water. Afterwards I meet friends for a drink or take a walk on one of the piers.

Saturdays usually start with a bang. Today it's the North Beach parkrun. Despite a partial wine hangover my friend and I finish the 5km in a solid time – even managing smiles. After that there's a cool-down walk around Moses Mabhida Stadium – five years after its construction and I still marvel at it.

On the way home my caffeine need has kicked in and a stop at Love Coffee is required so I can grab a takeaway macchiato and head for Sinakekele, an orphanage outside Verulam. Street Scene volunteers there one day every two months and we gather friends to join us. Later this evening it's off to Unity, which has the largest selection of craft beers in Durban.

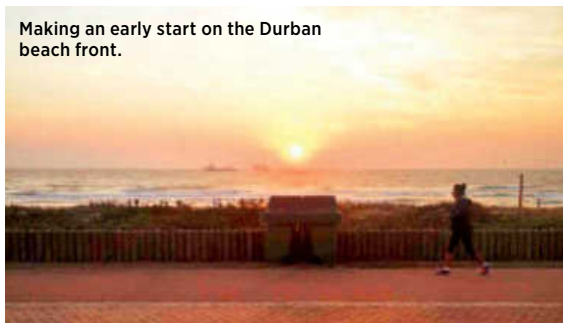
Sunday is an early start. I cycle with some friends to Umhlanga and back. We drop in at The Bike & Bean on the beachfront, which is pretty much designed to be awesome.

On the way home I take the long way through town. The CBD is quiet on a Sunday and it allows time to stop and look around. There's a monument to the fallen from the World Wars and the script at the top gets me every time: 'Tell it to the generation following.' After breakfast I head to Hillcrest. My brother and I are on our motorbikes so we take a scenic detour through the Valley of a Thousand Hills. We stop in at Indigo Skate Camp on the way, an awesome initiative and skate park.

There's enough left in the tank for a little creativity – making noise in our band room with my band mates. Then I jump at a dinner invite. When the drowsiness kicks in I call a cab home and bid the weekend farewell. #GottaLoveDurban.

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